

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

HIRING: 3-YEAR POSTDOC-POSITION (36 MONTHS, UNIVERSITY OF INNSBRUCK)

The project “The Dissertations of the *Academia Taxiana*” seeks to recruit a full-time team member at the level of a **postdoctoral researcher** (‘**post-doc**’) on a 3-year fixed-term contract to begin in **November 2023**.

The project is funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) and hosted at the University of Innsbruck’s *Department for Classical Philology and Neo-Latin Studies* under the PI Dr. Isabella Walser-Bürgler.

The project’s main aims are:

1. to collect and prepare a digital transcription of the surviving corpus of c. 125 Latin dissertations produced by the *Academia Taxiana*, a learned Enlightenment society operating in Western Austria, Southern Germany and Northern Italy between 1740 and 1760.
2. to produce a critical philological edition of selected paradigmatic dissertations.
3. to analyze the genre that was the ‘*Taxiana*-dissertation’, integrate it into the discourse of Neo-Latin academic oratory and study its impact on Enlightenment historiography in Europe.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Archival collection of manuscripts
- Collaborative work on and with the Handwritten Text Recognition (HTR) tool [TRANSKRIBUS](#) for the preparation of the digital presentation of the corpus
- Preparation of a monograph, analyzing the corpus of *Taxiana*-dissertations on a literary and historiographical level (to be written in English)
- Co-organization of an international conference

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

REQUIRED

- PhD degree (or equivalent) in Latin philology or Neo-Latin studies (or similar)
- focus on Neo-Latin research (i.e. early modern Latin) for the duration of the appointment
- excellent Latin reading skills
- ability to work productively in a team
- excellent English, and reading knowledge of German and/or Italian
- an excellent academic record

DESIRED

- evidence of experience in Neo-Latin studies (especially historiography)
- evidence of experience in palaeography and manuscript studies
- evidence of experience in digital humanities

- evidence of experience in archival research
- evidence of experience in literary research

FURTHER DETAILS

The appointment starts on 1 November 2023. The successful candidate will be based at the *Department for Classical Philology and Neo-Latin Studies* in Innsbruck. He/She will have the opportunity to further qualify with their project monograph and earn his/her habilitation (or an equivalent postdoctoral qualification). Remuneration for the post-doctoral position follows the salary scheme of the [FWF](#) and will begin at monthly € 4.351,90 gross in 2023. The project foresees funding for archival visits and international conference attendance for its team members.

APPLICATIONS

Applications should comprise a **cover letter**, **CV**, a **list of publications**, the **contact details of a referee**, and a **writing sample** (article or chapter). They should be submitted in PDF format to isabella.walser-buergler@uibk.ac.at by **5 July 2023**. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview (most probably virtual) in the course of July 2023.

The University of Innsbruck is an equal opportunities employer and especially welcomes applications from women and minorities.

General enquires can be sent to the PI at: isabella.walser-buergler@uibk.ac.at