

## POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT (PRE- AND EARLY HISTORY)

EXZELLENZCLUSTER 264  
TOPOI

A postdoctoral fellowship in Research Group B-4-4 “Shifting things and identities” of Excellence Cluster 264 Topoi is now open to applicants who have obtained exemplary results in their doctoral studies Pre- and Early History with the focus on the archaeology of the Germanic period .

Pursuant to DFG guidelines, the fellowship will be awarded for two years (1st of November 2014 - 31st of October 2016) and will include a stipend of between 1468 € and 1570 € per month (including research allowance). A child allowance will be made available in accordance with DFG guidelines.

**The Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations**

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Within the thematic frame of the research group, which deals with the question of interdependence of identity, knowledge and space, an own research dealing with the highly sensitive term “Germans/Germany” concerning archaeological and historical sources is intended. The project unites therefore central aspects of TOPOI. The identity of persons and groups should be explained by the term “Germans”, “Germany” stands for the conception of space.

The postdoctoral fellowship should examine the term “Germany/Germans” as a propaganda concept from the roman period until modern times. The question will be how archaeological sources can prove differences and commonalities. The museum’s aspect of the term “Germans” will also be an important part of this research. From importance will be here the understanding of this term in states like Poland, Czechia, Moravia and in the Scandinavian countries. Finally it will be interesting if there are any differences between the handling of the terms German/Germanic and Celt/Celtic or Slav/Slavonic.

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The project advisor will be Prof. Dr. Matthias Wemhoff and Dr. Heino Neumaier (Museum für Vor- und Frühgeschichte).

The regular place of work will be at the Museum für Vor- und Frühgeschichte, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin - Preußischer Kulturbesitz. Bewerbungsunterlagen und Fristen

### Application documents

Applications, together with the documents listed below, should be emailed to [c.poerschmann@smb.spk-berlin.de](mailto:c.poerschmann@smb.spk-berlin.de). by September 15th. For more information, please visit [www.topoi.org](http://www.topoi.org).

Application documents:

- Cover letter (2 - 3 pages)
- Research project synopsis
- Work plan and schedule
- Résumé
- Official copies of degree certificates
- Two letters of recommendation
- Writing sample (15 - 20 pages)