

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT (IN VARIOUS DISCIPLINES)

A postdoctoral fellowship in research group C-2 „Space and Metaphor in Cognition, Language and Texts“ of Excellence Cluster 264 Topoi is now open to applicants (starting February 1, 2015) who have obtained excellent results in their doctoral studies in an appropriate discipline (e.g. Egyptology, Ancient Oriental Studies, Historical Linguistics, Classical Philology, Religious Studies, Theology). Furthermore, applicants should have the relevant expertise in the fields of descriptive and analytical methods in literary, linguistic or cognitive science. You will need to be able to work in a team, and you require the ability and willingness to present the research results in a transdisciplinary and integrative way. Pursuant to DFG guidelines, the fellowship will be awarded for two years and will include a stipend of between 1468 and 1570 euros per month (including research allowance). A child allowance will be made available in accordance with DFG guidelines.

Research Group C-2 has undertaken to investigate spatial metaphors in written and non-written communication in various cultures from antiquity and the early modern age to the present. The concrete subject of the group's sub-projects is conventional and innovative metaphors - including those that appear in or function as metaphorical narratives - which are based on phenomena involving physical, sensibly perceptible or represented space. The research focuses primarily on texts that have been handed down in written form dating from the early second millennium BC to the end of antiquity in the sixth century AD and originating from different cultures: Egyptian, Greek, Jewish and Roman. Familiarity with exponents of modern metaphor theories is recommended.

The recipient should pursue an original research project in this subject area on one of the following topics:

- Metaphors of space regarded as a linguistic and stylistic phenomenon in the sense of traditional theory of metaphor and their clear distinction from other rhetorical figures as metonymy and allegory.
- the use and genesis of means of expression of spatial relationships for the description of phenomena without spatial properties (e.g. in the context of the theory of conceptual metaphor),
- the functions and destination domains of spatial metaphors (in the individual context of communication, in a specific individual language, or in a typological comparison),
- the relevance of spatial metaphors for the process of production, organization, and storing of space knowledge.

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Application documents

Applications, together with the documents listed below, should be emailed to Dr. Carmen Marcks-Jacobs (carmen.marcks@rz.hu-berlin.de) by **November 01, 2014**. For more information, please visit <http://www.topoi.org> and contact the spokesperson of the research group Cilliers Breytenbach (cilliers.breytenbach@cms.hu-berlin.de) or any other member of the research group.

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)