

DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP 2021/22

at the Cluster of Excellence

Temporal Communities: Doing Literature in a Global Perspective

&

the Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School of Literary Studies

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- ▶ 6 months
- ▶ Period of stay:
 - Summer term: April – September 2021
 - Winter term: October 2021 – March 2022
- ▶ 1,700 €/month + travel costs
- ▶ Application Deadline: September 30, 2020

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Cluster of Excellence *Temporal Communities: Doing Literature in a Global Perspective* aims to create a new theoretical and methodological take on literature in a global perspective that moves beyond the categories of nation and period and conceives of literature instead as a transcultural and transtemporal phenomenon in deep time. Introducing the notion of ‘temporal communities’, the Cluster investigates the ways in which literature reaches out through space and time and establishes extensive transtemporal networks in which the notion of literature itself is constantly re-constituted as it interacts with other arts and media.

For the academic year 2021/22 the cluster invites doctoral fellows working in the field of literary studies and/or related disciplines to spend a period of 6 months at Freie Universität Berlin. Ideally, the research stay should coincide with the semester periods (summer term: April – September 2021; winter term: October 2020 – March 2021) to guarantee participation in the term-based activities and to facilitate networking with the members of the Cluster and the Graduate School. Only in justified exceptional cases, may the fellowship take place outside the regular semester.

N.B.: Should the COVID-19 restrictions continue in 2021, we shall make it possible to take advantage of the fellowships online.

Through these fellowships, junior scholars are offered the possibility to

- pursue individual research within a vibrant network of international academic partners and local collaborators including universities and libraries as well as literary and artistic institutions and museums
- take advantage of interdisciplinary scholarly discussions and research networks
- become members of the Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School of Literary Studies (FSGS) and benefit from its curriculum and mentoring programme

Fellows are expected to work on their own projects while taking part in the events and meetings organised by the Cluster’s research areas and the Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School.

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- At the time of the approval of the fellowship, the period that has elapsed since the applicant's first university degree (B.A.) may not exceed 10 years. Exceptions are possible for valid reasons (e.g. childcare, health issues). Candidates exceeding this time limit must state their reasons in writing.
- We can grant fellowships only to applicants who have a firm academic affiliation with their home institution for the entire duration of the fellowship. The supervision of a fellow's thesis must be maintained for the duration of the fellowship.
- The fellow's research project must be compatible with the Cluster's research agenda (see: www.temporal-communities.de/research).
- **Monthly remuneration of 1,700 €** to cover all related expenses (accommodation, health insurance, semester fees, etc.)
- **Travel cost reimbursement** from the home/residence country to Berlin and back (economy ticket)
- **Working space** and internet access at the Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School

3. APPLICATION

Applications for fellowships should include the following:

- Cover letter outlining the motivation for participation in the fellowship programme and dates of the intended stay at the Cluster (max. 1 page). If necessary, justification for a duration of stay outside the regular semester period.
- Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)
- Project title and description (max. 2 pages), including a description of the project's relation to one of the Cluster's 5 research areas (see: www.temporal-communities.de/research)
- A copy of the first and latest degree
- A letter of recommendation by the supervisor of the PhD project

APPLICATION DEADLINE

September 30, 2020

Please send your application by email to m.domenica@fu-berlin.de as a single pdf document. The letter of recommendation may be submitted separately.