

## POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP 2021

at the Cluster of Excellence

*Temporal Communities: Doing Literature in a Global Perspective*

### POSTDOC FELLOWSHIP

- ▶ 3-6 months
- ▶ January – December 2021
- ▶ 2,500 €/month + travel costs
- ▶ Application Deadline: September 30, 2020

### CONTACT

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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 year 2021 the Cluster invites postdoctoral fellows working in the field of literary studies and/or related disciplines to spend a period of 3 to 6 months (between January 1 and December 31, 2021) at Freie Universität Berlin.

**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

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

### 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- At the time of the application deadline, the period that has elapsed since the applicant attained their doctoral degree may not exceed 6 years. Exceptions are possible for valid reasons (e.g. childcare, health issues). Candidates exceeding this time limit must state their reasons in writing.
- The doctoral thesis/dissertation must have been submitted and defended by the application deadline.

- We can grant fellowships only to applicants who have a firm academic affiliation with their home institution for the entire duration of the fellowship.
- A fellow's research project must be compatible with the Cluster's research agenda (see: [www.temporal-communities.de/research](http://www.temporal-communities.de/research))
- **Monthly remuneration of 2,500 €** to cover all related expenses (accommodation, health insurance etc.)
- **Travel cost reimbursement** from the home/residence country to Berlin and back (economy ticket)
- **Working space** with internet access at the cluster villa

### 3. APPLICATION

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE September 30, 2020

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

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)
- Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)
- Project title and description (max. 2 pages), including a description of the project's relation to one of the 5 research areas (see: [www.temporal-communities.de/research](http://www.temporal-communities.de/research))
- A copy of the PhD certificate or an official form confirming the finalisation of the doctorate programme
- A letter of recommendation