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The Ruhr-Universität Bochum is one of Germany's leading **research universities**. The university draws its strengths from both the diversity and the proximity of scientific and engineering disciplines on a single, coherent campus. This highly **dynamic setting** enables students and researchers to work across traditional boundaries of academic subjects and faculties. Host to about 42,000 students and 4,700 staff, the Ruhr-Universität is a **vital institution** in the Ruhr area, which has been selected as European Capital of Culture for the year 2010.

The Center for Religious Studies (CERES) at Ruhr-Universität Bochum invites applications for the position of a

**Professor for Western Asian History of Religion (salary in accordance with W2).**

to start at the beginning of the summer term 2016, i.e. 1 April 2016.

The successful candidate is expected to represent the pathway of the material history of religions in Western Asia with a special focus on Zoroastrianism and Islam in both teaching and research. This implies that the candidate has a designated research interest in religious encounters – especially between Zoroastrianism and Islam/Christianity – with special consideration for ancient traditions. The required philological knowledge for this focus is a precondition of employment. The willingness for, or the ability to implement and refine, methods of text interpretation and text analysis, as for example from the area of Digital Humanities are of advantage.

The successful candidate will be expected to represent his or her field of expertise and to contribute to the Käthe Hamburger Kolleg *Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe*, as well as to the overarching CERES-research programme on *Relational Religion*. The position includes mandatory teaching (9 SWS) as part of the degree programmes for undergraduate and graduate students.

Positive evaluation as a junior professor or equivalent academic achievement (e.g. habilitation) and evidence of special aptitude are just as much required as the willingness to participate in the self-governing bodies of the RUB and to generally get involved in university processes according to RUB's mission statement. Further requirements are

- high performance in and commitment to teaching
- readiness to participate in interdisciplinary academic work
- willingness and ability to attract external funding

The Ruhr-Universität Bochum is an equal opportunities employer.

The application, including a letter of interest, a CV, a list of publications, certificates as well as a listing of externally raised funding, should be sent as single pdf-file to Dr. Tim Karis [tim.karis@rub.de](mailto:tim.karis@rub.de), Centrum für Religionswissenschaftliche Studien der Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Universitätsstraße 90a, D-44789 Bochum, by 23 October 2015. For more information visit [www.khk.ceres.rub.de/en/](http://www.khk.ceres.rub.de/en/) and [www.ceres.rub.de/en/](http://www.ceres.rub.de/en/).