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As a central non-university institution for science and research, the **Austrian Academy of Sciences - OeAW** has the task of "**promoting science in every respect**". Founded in 1847 as a learned society, it now has over 760 members and around 1,800 employees dedicated to innovative basic research, interdisciplinary knowledge exchange and the dissemination of new insights. The OeAW initiates and maintains partnerships worldwide and represents Austria in international scientific organizations; it cooperates with numerous institutions in the scientific field in order to actively **shape the research landscape**.



Postdoc (f/m/x)

Job ID: IKGA011PD126

The Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia (**IKGA**) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (**OeAW**), Austria's leading non-university research and science institution, is offering a

Postdoc (f/m/x) Position

(40 hours per week, starting as soon as possible)

with a focus on “Himalayan Connectivities” for a candidate with an Indological background. Historically, the Himalayan region has been a contact zone for cultural interaction between the Indian subcontinent, the Tibetan plateau, and beyond. This research focus addresses processes of circulation, mediation, and transformation of knowledge and practices in the domains of philosophy and religion, as well as in other knowledge fields; technologies in particular knowledge fields are also a possible topic of investigation. The position is based at the IKGA and is affiliated with the Cluster of Excellence “[EurAsian Transformations](#).”

Your Tasks

- Conducting independent research in exchange with other relevant projects (<https://www.oeaw.ac.at/ikga/himalayan-connectivities/>)
- Supporting other research projects with your expertise
- Contributing to the Cluster of Excellence “EurAsian Transformations“ by organizing and participating in joint interdisciplinary research activities and public outreach

Your Profile

- Completed PhD or equivalent doctoral degree in Indology, South Asian Studies, or a related field
- Excellent knowledge of Sanskrit and other languages used in the Himalayan region as relevant to the chosen research topic; excellent knowledge of English; knowledge of German is desirable
- Record of international publications and lectures (corresponding to career level and taking into account relevant factors, including career breaks); an international network
- Flexibility, strong communication skills, creativity, ability to work in a team

Our Offer

The position will initially be awarded on a fixed-term basis for one year, with a subsequent extension until 31 March 2031 anticipated. The annual gross salary is € 70.167,44 (before taxes) (level W3/1), with the possibility of a higher salary level depending on qualifications and prior

work experience. Funds for conference and research travel, as well as for the organization of academic events, are available.

Please upload your application materials in a **single pdf file** under "CV" no later than **April 30, 2026**. Application materials should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, list of publications, overview of current and planned research for the period until 31 March 2031 (2–3 pages), and the names of two references (no letters are required at the application stage).

For inquiries about this position please contact: office.ikga@oeaw.ac.at

APPLY NOW

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