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## Praedoc (Diss) (f/m/x)

Job ID: IKGA052DOC226

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

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### **(part-time, 30 hours per week)**

in the ERC project “The Narrative Foundations of Tibetan Buddhist Culture” ([FOUNT](#)) ([ERC-2025-StG-101222259](#)).

The successful candidate will contribute to the project by conducting research on the development of Tibetan Buddhist historiography on Tibet, especially concerning Emperor Srong-btsan and the deity Avalokiteśvara. The successful candidate will pursue a dissertation at the University of Vienna (internationally renowned for its strong track-record in South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies), while being integrated in a research institute of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Candidates already enrolled at another university may be considered provided that employment criteria of the OeAW can be fulfilled.

## Your Tasks

- Conduct research as (part of) your doctoral dissertation
- Present research results at workshops and international conferences, and publish your work
- Enroll as a PhD student at the University of Vienna. (Applicants are advised to familiarize themselves with the enrollment procedures at the University as well as eventual course and language requirements)

## Your Profile

- Completed degree (MA or equivalent) in a relevant field (by the start date)
- Very good knowledge of Classical Tibetan
- Very good command of English, both spoken and written
- Knowledge of German is desirable; willingness to acquire working knowledge of German required
- Familiarity with historical and philological methods
- Good general computer skills and, ideally, familiarity with IT applications and solutions relevant to text-based research

- Personal skills: willingness and ability to work in a team, creativity, flexibility and perseverance, as well as the ability to work independently

## Our Offer

- A part-time position at 75% for a period of four years (starting Oct. 1st, 2026 or soon thereafter). The position is initially offered for 1 year with the possibility of an extension until Sept. 30th, 2030
- The minimum annual gross salary for this position is EUR 53,140.92 (full-time based), in accordance with the collective agreement of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW). For part-time employment, the salary will be adjusted on a pro rata basis in line with the agreed working hours
- Attractive working conditions at the IKGA, a renowned research institution, as part of the international team of the FOUNT project

The successful applicant is expected to take up residence in Vienna, a city consistently rated among the world's best in quality-of-life rankings. Questions regarding the position can be addressed to the principal investigator, Reinier Langelaar ([reinier.langelaar@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:reinier.langelaar@oeaw.ac.at)).

Please upload your application materials (either in English or German). Application materials should include 1) a cover letter explaining your research interests and motivation for applying, 2) a CV, 3) contact details of two referees (names and e-mail addresses), 4) a research proposal sketching a possible dissertation project (ca. 2–3 pages, max. 11,000 characters), 5) a writing sample, and 6) a copy of transcripts and degrees (or your supervisor's written confirmation of your scheduled timely graduation). Candidates should also arrange for one of their referees to submit a letter of recommendation to Hermine Huber ([hermine.huber@oeaw.ac.at](mailto:hermine.huber@oeaw.ac.at)). The use of AI-generated text is not allowed.

Applications received before May 28th will be assured full consideration.

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*MyAbility in order to provide appropriate workplace structures, in particular for persons with disabilities.*

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