

Postdoctoral and Senior Fellowships  
at the IKGf “Fate, Freedom and Prognostication” (University Erlangen-Nürnberg)

**The International Consortium for Research in the Humanities “Fate, Freedom, and Prognostication in East Asia and Europe. Strategies of Coping with the Future in East Asia and Europe” (IKGF) at the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg offers up to 3 post-doctoral fellowships for a duration of 3 to 12 months.**

The Research Consortium is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and conducts research from an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective. The Consortium attempts to uncover the historical foundations of prognostication, which – if in a different guise – still exert a considerable influence on how we “cope with the future” in our immediate present. It is under the direction of Professor Michael Lackner (Sinology), Professor Andrea Bréard (Sinology) and Professor Klaus Herbers (Medieval History). For further information and a detailed project description, please consult the IKGf website [ikgf.fau.de](http://ikgf.fau.de).

For this round of fellowships, we invite applications from scholars in the broader field of Sinology who are working on issues related to our research focus “Fate, Freedom and Prognostication.” Applicants must hold at least a PhD and only project proposals of direct relevance to the principal themes of the Research Consortium can be considered. During your stay, we expect you to contribute an article related to one of our research themes to the *International Journal of Divination and Prognostication* or to our book series “Prognostication in History,” both of which are published by Brill. We support you in pursuing your research project by offering an inspiring research atmosphere in an interdisciplinary and international environment, which includes collaboration and intellectual exchange with all research disciplines at the Consortium.

We offer a competitive base stipend of 3.500 € for Senior Fellows (more than 5 years after dissertation) and 2.500 € for Junior Fellows (less than 5 years after dissertation). The length of the stay at the Consortium is 3 to 12 months with flexible dates for beginning and end. The earliest starting date is October 1, 2021. Attendance at the Consortium in Erlangen is compulsory. The working languages are German and English.

To apply for this fellowship, candidates are requested to send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, publication list, copies of certificates (PhD), and a research proposal (up to 1000 words) together with the names and addresses of two referees. Applications may be submitted by post or via email.

The consortium is an international institution and candidates of all nationalities are encouraged to apply. The consortium is an equal opportunity employer.

Applications can be submitted at any date and will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Please send your application as a single PDF via Email to:  
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