

Job ID: IFI042PD220

The Institute of Iranian Studies ([IFI](#)) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences ([OeAW](#)), Austria's leading non-university research and science institution, is offering a

POSTDOC POSITION (F*M) in *Pre-Modern Arabic Studies*

(full-time, 40h per week)

within the START-project "[Nomad Manuscript Landscapes](#)".

The project takes place under the supervision of Dr. Bruno De Nicola. The position is funded by the Austrian Science Fund ([FWF](#)) and forms part of a multidisciplinary project focused on researching text and paratext in Persian and Arabic manuscripts to investigate aspects of transculturation in medieval Iran and Central Asia (c. 1200 - c. 1450).

The successful candidate will be responsible for conducting original academic research based on the study of medieval Arabic manuscripts and will contribute to the development of a digital database. The position requires field trips and participation in international academic events organised by the project or partner institutions, so a willingness and ability to travel is essential.

Your profile:

- PhD in history, literature or religious studies with a specialisation in the cultures of the pre-modern Islamic World
- classical Arabic and experience in working with Arabic manuscripts
- fluency in English
- willingness and ability to undertake research and conference travel to Iran and Central Asia
- knowledge of Persian, Turkish (Ottoman, Chaghatai) and/or Russian will be an advantage

We offer a full-time position for initially 2 years (24 months), with the possibility of an extension by up to 24 months for a total of up to 4 years. The position will start on January 1, 2021 (or as soon as possible afterwards) and will be located in Vienna, Austria. The gross salary will be € 43.828,40 (before taxes) according to the salary scheme of the Austrian Academy of Science.

Please send your application including a CV, a list of publications, a brief (one page) statement explaining motivations and a short (max. 2 pages) description of a personal research project to undertake during the post, via e-mail to bruno.denicola@oeaw.ac.at (mentioning Job ID: IFI042PD220) no later than **June 29, 2020**.

Interviews (by video conference) will be scheduled with short-listed candidates during the first half of July 2020.

The Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) pursues a non-discriminatory employment policy and values equal opportunities, as well as diversity. The OeAW lays special emphasis on increasing the number of women in senior and in academic positions. Given equal qualifications, preference will be given to female applicants.