

## **University of Vienna,**

Faculty of Philological and Cultural Studies, Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies,  
Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Earth Sciences, Geography and Astronomy

The Doctoral College (*Initiativkolleg*)

### **“Cultural Transfers and Cross-Contacts in the Himalayan Borderlands”**

announces the award of 10 doctoral student positions  
beginning **March 1, 2011**

The University of Vienna offers a doctoral program with a structured curriculum on “Cultural Transfers and Cross-Contacts in the Himalayan Borderlands”, to be completed in six semesters. The aims of this new interdisciplinary program in the Cultural History of the Himalayas are: to make possible the joint supervision of dissertations by experts in the various disciplines, and to strengthen academic collaboration through contacts with international visiting scholars.

Positions are funded for 3 years. Participation in the curriculum is required; members of the IK program must therefore reside continuously in Vienna.

Recipients of doctoral positions will be employed according to the standard labour contract (Kollektivvertrag) of the University for 20 hours/week at the University of Vienna. Involvement in teaching is possible beginning in the second year of the program. In addition to the salary the University provides: health and social insurance, tuition fee exemption, and funding for research and research related travel expenses.

Employment requirements: Completed advanced degree (Magister/Diplom/Master) in Art History, South Asian Studies, Tibetology, Buddhist Studies, Cultural and Social Anthropology, Numismatics, Iranian Studies, Geography (including Cartography and Geo-Information Sciences), or any other discipline in social or cultural studies relevant to the program. Applicants with one or more relevant BA degrees may be considered in exceptional cases.

The University of Vienna aims at increasing the employment of women in both managing and academic positions and therefore invites applications from qualified female candidates. In the case of equal qualifications female applicants will be given preference.

Proposed research topics should be relevant to at least one of the topic areas of the IK program. Information on the program’s aims, faculty, topic areas and possible dissertation topics can be found at the following web site:

<http://www.univie.ac.at/cirdis/ik>

#### Application procedure:

An application for a position in the IK program “**Cultural Transfers and Cross-Contacts in the Himalayan Borderlands**” must be supported by the following documentation:

- A brief cover letter stating the reasons for applying; (file name: name\_firstname\_motive.pdf)
- Curriculum vitae; (filename: name\_firstname\_cv.pdf)
- Documentation of previous studies and copies of all university degrees received, preferably with a transcript of academic records; (filename: name\_firstname\_exam.pdf)

- A brief exposé of the proposed dissertation project (maximum 5 pages) with bibliography (maximum one page); (filename: name\_firstname\_expo.pdf)
- M.A.-thesis (as PDF); (filename: name\_firstname\_ma.pdf)

The application can be submitted in either English or German. Expected language skills are a working knowledge of both English and German (or willingness to gain knowledge of German in the first year), with advanced knowledge of at least one of these languages.

Deadline:

Applications are due by **January 22, 2011** via email only, addressed to the Speaker of the IK program “**Cultural Transfers and Cross-Contacts in the Himalayan Borderlands**”, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Martin Gaenszle, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna (exclusively sent to: [transfer\\_himalaya@univie.ac.at](mailto:transfer_himalaya@univie.ac.at))

Admissions will be announced in February 2011. Short-listed applicants will be invited to Vienna for a personal interview. Applicants residing in Europe will receive reimbursement for travel to the interview; applicants residing outside Europe will be interviewed by telephone. Study in the program will begin preferably on **March 1, 2011**.

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