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EARLY STAGE RESEARCHER 2

In/out of the closet' testimonials: online performance of secret lives in the Middle East and among Muslims in the West.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION >

Particularly since the Arab Uprisings, YouTube channels and Facebook pages have emerged in increasing numbers, providing a platform for e.g. nonbelievers. Whereas some are open and vocal anti-Islam activists, others remain half hidden, talking about their experiences sometimes literally behind masks or with blurred faces for fear of reprisal. Yet generally there is a tendency to 'come out of the closet'. The terminology does not converge coincidentally with that of the gay - or more generally LGBT - community, as similar ways of remaining in or coming out of the closet are shared daily life experiences. Under strong pressure to conform, many people lead secret lives, which are now increasingly (partly) shared in the semi-public sphere of the internet. This project will study the performance of secret lives online and the implications of this for the notion of the self.

The ESR will be under supervision of Prof. Karin van Nieuwkerk (Radboud University) and co-supervision Dr. Araceli González Vázquez (CSIC-IMF). External tutor: Erdogan Aykaç (Tropenmuseum).

The applicant is expected to develop his/her own research project within the framework of the position description. The applicant will interact on a regular basis with the other project partners and cooperate with the other Early Stage Researchers where required. Additionally, travel abroad will be necessary.

The applicant may apply for up to 3 Early Stage Researchers positions.

REQUIREMENTS >

Essential criteria:

• Postgraduate or Master level degree (or equivalent) in Social Sciences, Anthropology, History, Middle Eastern Studies, or other similar domains
• Fluency in spoken and written English. A proof of the language proficiency (C1 level Cambridge Proficiency; IELTS 7.0-8.0 or equivalent) has to be enclosed if English is not the native tongue
• Good command of spoken and written language that is relevant for the country the research proposal focuses on
• Commitment to collaborate in the general development of the project

Desirable criteria:

• Experience in working in an interdisciplinary team

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APPLICATION FILE:
• copies of degree certificates (Master degree or equivalent)
• curriculum vitae
• list of publications (if applicable)
• reference letter
• 2-page research proposal
• short motivation letter

BENEFITS >

Successful candidates will receive an attractive salary, based on the Marie Curie Program regulations.

For further information about the project and the position, please contact: info@itn-mida.org

Deadline: 1st of June
Candidatures received after the 1st of June will not be considered.

Starting date: ideally in September 2019

Eligibility criteria:

• no residence in the Netherlands for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately preceding the engagement date
• no PhD degree
• less than 4 years of research, Master excluded
• not restricted to EU citizens