CALL FOR POSITION >
EARLY STAGE RESEARCHER 1

From oral command to written memories. A case-study:
One of the first Arab Muslim autobiographies, 'Abd Allâh b. Buluggîn's Memoirs, 11th century.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION >

Since the birth of the autobiographical genre, which is generally linked to the Renaissance, and the emergence of the individual as a political subject and measure of everything, 'Abd Allâh’s Memoirs (kitâb al-tibyân), appears as an extraordinary object. Former prince of the Taifa of Granada, 'Abd Allâh was dethroned in 1090 by the Almoravids, who exiled him to Aghmat (current Morocco), where he wrote a justification of his actions, his reign and his dynasty. The ESR will study expression of the self in these pre-modern Memoirs. The first part of the work will be historical and philological. The objective is the understanding of the conservation and transmission of this personal and autobiographical testimony as part of a genealogy of narrative. The second part of the study will be more theoretical, however, and will tackle issues related to comparative aspects: what is the place of this self-narrative in the period itself - Muslim-Christian, Arab-Berber and ruler-subject relations - when collective belongings (family and/or tribal) were overwhelming, to stress the differences with the politics of (self) identity in the digital age.

The ESR will be under the supervision of Prof. Pascal Buresi (CNRS-IISMM) and the co-supervision of Prof. Gerard Wiegers (University of Amsterdam). External tutor: Nicolette van der Hoek (Brill).

REQUIREMENTS >

Essential criteria:
• Postgraduate or Master level degree (or equivalent) in Middle Eastern Languages and Studies or other similar domains
• Fluency in spoken and written English. A proof of the language proficiency (CI level Cambridge Proficiency; IELTS 7.0-8.0 or equivalent) has to be enclosed if English is not the native tongue
• Fluency in written Arabic
• Commitment to collaborate in the general development of the project

Desirable criteria:
• Experience in working in an interdisciplinary team
• Experience in palaeography is expected
• Some knowledge of French or commitment to learn it during the period of the grant
• Some knowledge of written Spanish or willingness to learn it

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BENEFITS >

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

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

Starting date: ideally in September 2019

Eligibility criteria:
• no residential in France 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

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