**POSITION DESCRIPTION >**

Al-Andalus (there so Spain and Portugal under Muslim rule in medieval times) figures in the Islamic State's propaganda and vision for the future, combining both the idea of recovering a land lost by Islam on the European continent and the myth of al-Andalus as paradise. Some ISIS followers with a European background also find appealing the doctrines of a controversial Andalusi thinker, Ibn Hazm, as offering solutions to problems they face. The aim of this project is to explore the ways in which al-Andalus is represented and used on Internet sites connected with an 'Islamist' outlook, searching for commonalities and differences and how to explain them, while at the same time carrying out a comparison with representations formulated within modern Spain and in Europe more generally. History, anthropology, sociology, media and cultural studies should inform the methodological approaches to this project.

The ESR will be under the supervision and co-supervision of Prof. Maribel Fierro and Prof. Pascal Buresi.

She/he will interact on a regular basis with the other project partners and cooperate with the other ESRs where required. As part of the ITN, the ESR is expected to spend some time with other project partners in this consortium (secondments). Additionally, travel abroad for training will be necessary.

**BENEFITS >**

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

**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 commensurate with PhD study and in ARABIC
- Some knowledge of SPANISH

or commitment to learn it during the period of the grant.
- Commitment to collaborate in the general development of the project

**Desirable criteria:**
- Experience in working in an interdisciplinary team
- Experience in word processing (Office)

**Eligibility criteria:**
- no residence in Spain or more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately preceding the engagement date
- no PhD degree
- not restricted to EU citizens

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

**Deadline:** 1st of June
Candidatures received after the 1st of June won’t be considered.

**Starting date:** ideally in September 2019

**Please fill up the application form on:**
www.itn-mida.org

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

**SECONDMENT >**

- **Gotha Research Library,**
  University of Erfurt (Monika Hasenmüller)
- **Brill,** The Hague (Nicolette van der Hoek)

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