

*Locality and Society: Horizontal Binding Forces in Antiquity* is an interdisciplinary project funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) at the University of Würzburg. A cooperation of the disciplines of Greek Philology, Old Testament Studies, and Ancient History, the joint project investigates horizontal binding forces at the local level and the self-organised groups supported by them, for example associations or religious communities, which were essential for regulating processes in society.

In the field of Greek Philology, the project 'Monasticism and Local Self-Organisation: Monastic Letters, Horizontal Binding Forces, and Urban Community in Late Antiquity' will be carried out. Project leader is Prof. Dr. Jan R. Stenger.

We are looking for  
**two Doctoral Researchers**

The two positions are available as of 1 October 2023, for a period of three years with 65% of the regular weekly working hours.

**Your tasks and responsibilities**

Both doctoral researchers will work in the interdisciplinary research project on their own dissertations. Two positions are available:

- a dissertation on the letters of Isidore of Pelusium (c. 360–450 CE) and their communication within the local context of Egyptian Pelusium
- a dissertation on the *Responses* of the monks Barsanuphius and John of Gaza (sixth c. CE) in the local context of the society of Gaza in Palestine

**Your profile and qualifications**

- a completed university degree with grades well above average in a relevant field
- excellent command of Ancient Greek. Knowledge of Latin is an advantage.
- excellent writing proficiency in German or English
- skills in independent work, ability to work in a team, and committed cooperation in an interdisciplinary research environment

**Benefits**

- funds for travel and publications, support by student assistants, and more
- work in an interdisciplinary research group (Greek Philology, Old Testament Studies, Ancient History)
- first-class, internationally oriented research environment
- access to the University Library
- the University is certified as a family-friendly University.

The University of Würzburg is an equal opportunity employer. As such, we explicitly encourage applications from qualified women. Severely handicapped applicants will be given preferential consideration in the case of broadly equal suitability, ability, and professional achievements.

Please send your application documents (concise letter of motivation, curriculum vitae, copies of certificates and diplomas, list of publications, and list of given academic courses, if applicable) as a pdf-file exclusively by e-mail to Prof. Dr. Jan R. Stenger, Lehrstuhl für Klassische Philologie I, Universität Würzburg: jan.stenger@uni-wuerzburg.de. The closing date for applications is **15 May 2023**.



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