

Position Opening

The Chair of Ancient History at Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, Germany, is inviting applications for

two Doctoral Researcher Positions

within the DFG-funded project *Horizontal Binding Forces, State Regulation and Local Civil Society: the City of Rome and Western Asia Minor in the Late Republic* (part of the broader project *Locality and Society: Horizontal Binding Forces in Antiquity*). The principal investigator is Prof. Dr. Rene Pfeilschifter. The two positions are part time (0,65 FTE) and are available as of 1 October 2023, for a period of three years. Remuneration will be based on the Tarifvertrag für den öffentlichen Dienst der Länder (collective agreement for the public service of German federal states, TV-L).

The project investigates horizontal binding forces and self-governing groups for their importance for the cohesion of local societies (c. 150 B.C. to the turn of the era). It rests on the assumption that the quality of governance constellations in larger cities of the Roman Empire not only depended on state regulation and the efforts of elites, but crucially on the functioning of a civil society *avant la lettre*. The existing focus of scholars on vertical patronage relations will be balanced and corrected in the two case studies to be conducted.

The successful applicants will have the possibility to pursue a further academic qualification in the form of a doctorate by carrying out one of these case studies. The first one focuses on the capital city Rome, the second one on the Greek cities in the province of *Asia*. For more information on the approach of the broader project, see <https://www.geschichte.uni-wuerzburg.de/institut/alte-geschichte/aktuelles>.

The following qualifications are required: a university degree in a relevant field completed with grades well above average, a good command of Latin and Ancient Greek (Latinum and Graecum language certificates) as well as relevant modern languages, excellent writing proficiency in German or English, and the willingness to pursue a doctorate in one of the two fields of research outlined above. In addition, candidates are expected to be able to work within a team to engage in active cooperation in an interdisciplinary research environment with Greek Philology and Old Testament Studies.

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 (short letter of motivation, curriculum vitae, photocopies of your certificates and diplomas, a list of your publications and a list of the academic courses you have taught, if any) as a pdf file preferably by e-mail to Prof. Dr. Rene Pfeilschifter, Lehrstuhl für Alte Geschichte, Universität Würzburg: sekretariat-alte-geschichte@uni-wuerzburg.de. The closing date for applications is **15 May 2023**.



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