



The Max-Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Department of Religious Diversity in Göttingen is offering

## **Postdoctoral Fellowship**

(one postdoctoral position)

in the new MAX-CAM Research Centre

The Fellowship will begin as soon as possible, at the latest 1 January 2018

The new MAX-CAM Research Centre

The Max Planck Cambridge Centre for the Study of Ethics, Human Economy and Social Change (informally “Max-Cam”), an innovative collaboration funded jointly by the University of Cambridge and the Max Planck Society, was formally established as of 1 July 2017. The Centre will be co-directed by Chris Hann (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale), James Laidlaw and Joel Robbins (Department of Social Anthropology, Cambridge University), and Peter van der Veer (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen), and will be dedicated to pursuing fresh ethnographic research in fields of urgent concern to humanity today. The Centre is devoted to the study of social change with a focus on interconnections between economic and ethical change. It is anticipated that the researcher appointed to the position in Göttingen will have a strong background in religious anthropology and the study of religious networks in Asia.

The postdoc is expected to manage his/her own research independently but contribute to the joint activities and outputs of the Centre, including working closely with the team of four Research Associates in the Centre in Cambridge and one Associate who will be based in Halle. He/she will be involved in the planning of the research, the organisation of some events, carrying out data collection (including interviews), analysing data (including some interview transcription), as well as helping with the servicing of the Centre’s webpages and the writing and editing of research publications emerging from the Centre's research. The postdoc will be required to contribute to the presentations of seminars, conferences and workshops organised and supported by the Centre.

### Your Profile

Good research skills, the ability to work in a team, and communication skills with good written and spoken English are required. Applicants should be in possession of a Ph.D. in anthropology, religious studies, or Asian area studies.

### Our Offer

The Postdoctoral position (TVöD E13) is offered until the end of the project (31.12.2021).

The workplace is Göttingen, except when undertaking field research.

The Max Planck Society strives to employ more persons with disabilities and explicitly encourages applications. Furthermore, the Max Planck Society is committed to raising the

proportion of women in underrepresented fields; we thus explicitly encourage applications by women.

#### Contact

Please submit your application electronically by 9 October 2017 to [vdvoffice@mmg.mpg.de](mailto:vdvoffice@mmg.mpg.de)

Applicants should send the following documentation:

- cover letter
- CV including a list of publications
- two-page summary of the proposed research, which should demonstrate clear links both to the applicant's previous work and qualifications and to the respective research field
- one writing sample (e.g. a published work, or a chapter from a PhD)
- university degrees

Informal inquiries may be directed to Peter van der Veer ([vanderveer@mmg.mpg.de](mailto:vanderveer@mmg.mpg.de))

Further information on the research agenda of the Department of Religious Diversity is available on our website: <http://www.mmg.mpg.de/departments/religious-diversity/>

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