Call for Applications

The Max Planck Research Group ‘Ageing in a Time of Mobility’ based at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Göttingen is inviting applications for:

Writing Fellowships (6 – 12 months)

‘Ageing in a Time of Mobility’ is a global and interdisciplinary project that investigates the interconnections between two key phenomena in the twenty-first century: ageing populations and global migration, and the new social transformations that they jointly shape. The group explores how older persons are embedded in global and translocal networks and communities and how inequalities, restrictive border regimes, and processes of displacement shape experiences of ageing and intergenerational relationships. More recently, we have been developing work on transnational social protection and wellbeing and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on older migrants. The group focusses on the migration and mobility experiences of older populations in regions of the world that are rapidly ageing, but which have been less visible in research agendas - Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The writing fellowships are intended for scholars who have already completed field research on topics relating to ageing and migration and who are writing-up their research results for publication (a doctoral dissertation, monograph and/or peer-reviewed journal articles or book chapters). Projects that share the research group’s interests in regions of the Global South are particularly desirable, but not required. Applicants should be working in the fields of Anthropology, Sociology, Geography, History or related field in the social sciences and humanities and with qualitative research methods such as ethnography, in-depth interviews and/or oral histories.

Writing fellows will be provided with office space and access to the Institute’s library and facilities during the duration of their fellowship, with opportunities to actively contribute to and participate in activities and events of the research group and Institute. The working language of the Institute is English.

Fellowships are offered for between six to twelve months within the period of August 2023 – December 2024 (timing and duration to be discussed individually with selected candidates). The remuneration is based on the German civil service scale TVöD E13 for researchers at the postdoctoral level or TVöD E13 (65%) for doctoral researchers.

The Max Planck Society wishes to increase the participation of women wherever they are under-represented; therefore, applications from women are particularly welcome. Following its commitment to an equal opportunities employment policy, the Max Planck Society especially encourages persons with a disability to submit their applications. Persons of any nationality can apply.

Applications must be submitted by e-mail no later than 2 June 2023 to: Bewerbung_Amrith@mmp.mpg.de

Applications must include: (I) a cover letter outlining your interest in the fellowship (II) a CV with list of publications (III) a summary of the research/writing project (up to 2 pages).

Informal queries may be directed to Dr. Megha Amrith (amrith@mmp.mpg.de). For information on the research group and institute, please consult: https://www.mmg.mpg.de/mprg-amrith and www.mmg.mpg.de