

The **University of Passau** owes its strong visibility and good repute to excellent research, innovative teaching and its tight-knit international academic networks. Some 13,000 students and more than 1,100 staff study and work on our University campus, which is located a stone's throw from the historical Old Town of Passau and combines state-of-the-art technical infrastructure with award-winning architecture. Internationally successful high-tech companies and a vibrant start-up scene, coupled with a rich culture and Lower Bavarian traditions, give Passau and the surrounding area a special appeal that makes it a great place to live and work.

The **Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the University of Passau** invites applications for the tenured civil-service post of:

Professorship of Ecclesiastical History and Christian Identities (pay grade W2)

This post is available to start immediately.

The postholder will represent the discipline of Ecclesiastical History (the Ancient World, Medieval Period and Modernity) in its entire spectrum, specifically with a view to modernity and contemporary history and in reference to current Christian identities. In accordance with the Bavarian concordat, the professorship is embedded in the Teacher Education Programmes for primary (Grundschule) and secondary schools (Gymnasium, Realschule and Mittelschule) for the school subject Catholic Religious Education; furthermore, it contributes to the area of Caritas Science and Values-based Management as well as the University's research focus on 'Europe and Global Transformation'. The professorship's historical, theological and cultural-hermeneutical orientation should help to create links with the other theological fields of study, the historical subjects represented at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and related academic disciplines.

The postholder is expected to teach courses for, in particular, the following degree programmes: The Teacher Education programmes; Master of Arts in Caritas Science and Values-based Management; Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Historical Sciences; and the Bachelor of Education and Master of Education programmes. Moreover, the professorship will work together with the Diocesan Archives and engage in the field of Christian identities in European transformational processes. The postholder is, furthermore, expected to have experience in writing funding proposals for larger-scale externally-funded projects and to be willing to assume roles in the university's governing structures.

The successful candidate will have had his or her discipline-related papers, which will have been of a very high standard, published by prestigious publishing houses and in leading journals; furthermore, he or she will be involved in international research and interdisciplinary co-operation with closely related disciplines. It would be desirable that he or she have competencies in Modern Cultural History, Cultural Studies and in areas forming part of the Digital Humanities. Finally, the postholder should be keen to promote knowledge transfer in Passau and the surrounding region.

Research and teaching at the University of Passau are focused on the guiding themes of Digitalisation, Networked Society and (Internet) Cultures; Europe and Global Transformation; and Migration, Sustainable Development and Just Order. As a forward-looking, internationally visible and attractive university for Europe, the University of Passau seeks to make a significant contribution towards solving Europe's current and future challenges.

Members of all faculties are in the process of establishing a unique, internationally-orientated forum for ground-breaking interdisciplinary research on one of the greatest challenges of our time: the societal implications of digitalisation. A willingness to co-operate on this interdisciplinary and cross-faculty project is expected of all future colleagues.

The **Faculty of Arts and Humanities** is characterised by a wide range of geographical, thematic, methodological and academic subjects, as represented by its chairs and professorships. It underlines the regional specificities of inter- and transdisciplinary research and teaching as well as the inclusion of current social topics in times of transformation, without losing sight of fundamental long-term research. Individual lines of scientific enquiry are bundled under the faculty's guiding theme of 'Society in Digital Transformation', which rests on the three pillars of cultures – values – identities.

The successful candidate will have successfully completed their degree studies in Catholic Theology and hold a theological doctorate in Ecclesiastical History; furthermore, he or she will either possess a formal postdoctoral qualification, such as the German 'Habilitation', in this or a related field or equivalent academic achievements garnered within or outside the higher education system or as part of a prior assistant professor or comparable role (e.g. German 'Juniorprofessur'). He or she will have demonstrated pedagogical aptitude and academic excellence, the latter of which is generally established on the basis of the quality of candidates' doctoral research and, where applicable, their subsequent achievements. In accordance with art. 10 sec. 3 line 1 of the Bavarian Higher Education Employment Act (BayHSchPG), candidates must not be more than 52 years of age at the time of their appointment.

The University of Passau actively promotes equal opportunities for all genders as well as diversity in the workforce; therefore, applications are welcome from all candidates who fulfil the requisite qualifications, without regard to gender, cultural or social background, religion, world view, disability or sexual identity. As the University of Passau wishes to raise the proportion of women in research and teaching, female academics are expressly encouraged to apply. This post may be available part-time, provided a suitable number of candidates are willing to work on a work-share basis. Furthermore, this post is suitable for those with severe disabilities, who are given preference if their overall personal aptitudes, skills and qualifications are otherwise equal.

To be considered, your application must reach the University by **15 January 2019**. Your full application should include all relevant supporting documents (curriculum vitae, list of publications, teaching assignments, teaching evaluations etc.) and should preferably be sent by e-mail to bewerbung@phil.uni-passau.de with 'Kirchengeschichte' written in the subject line. It should be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Passau, Professor Karsten Fitz, 94030 Passau. When e-mailing your application, all application documents should be attached as a single pdf file. E-mailed applications are kept on file for six months after the conclusion of the appointment procedure, whereupon they are deleted from our systems.

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