

Research Assistant at the Institute of Classical Philology (Humboldt University Berlin) – 16 months, 65%, remuneration according to E 13 TV-L HU.

The successful candidate will work in the multidisciplinary project ‘A Fresh Look Backwards. Scholarly Forgetting in the History of the Humanities’, funded by the [Volkswagen Foundation](#) and hosted by the [Institute of Classical Philology](#) at the Humboldt University in Berlin. The project involves close collaboration with the [University of Leuven](#) (Belgium).

In this start-up project, we explore the ways in which processes of forgetting co-shaped the history of the humanities. The nineteenth century is seen as an age of disciplinarization, institutionalization, and canonization. Focussing on this transformative period, we will investigate a long-neglected side to this image: the processes of forgetting implied by any process of selection and reorganization. Specifically, we will develop ways of conceptualizing the role of scholarly amnesia in the humanities as well as investigate forms of forgetting in specific discipline-based case-studies. In so doing, we hope not only to add an important dimension to our understanding of the history of the humanities but also to set the coordinates for further collaborative initiatives in this field of study.

The successful candidate will help to produce a critical account of relevant concepts (forgetting, oblivionism, regimes of ignorance, ‘prekâres Wissen’, etc.) and will investigate their applicability in self-selected case studies about **scholarly forgetting in the domain of classical philology (from the eighteenth to the twentieth century)**. He/she will publish results in (co-)publications in English. His/her research might serve as the basis for a PhD thesis in a follow-up project, and he/she is expected to assist in writing grant proposals for the continuation of this research line. In addition to doing research, the successful candidate will participate in the organization of workshops, seminars, and conferences.

Applicants must hold a Master’s degree in a relevant discipline such as Classics, Intellectual History, the Classical Tradition, or Neo-Latin Literature. They are also expected to have very good reading skills in Latin and/or ancient Greek as well as high working proficiency in English. Reading skills in at least one additional modern language (preferably German) are mandatory. The candidate is expected to be an independent thinker and a communicative team worker. Proven interest in the programme’s over-all subject is an advantage.

The successful candidate is expected to start at 1 April 2016 or as soon as possible thereafter. Applications consist of (1) a cover letter, (2) a CV testifying to the relevant expertise, (3) a research proposal of max. 700 words, and (4) the names and contact details of two senior referees holding a PhD degree. Please submit the application file (PDF only) to Dr. Han Lamers (han.lamers@hu-berlin.de) before 5 March 2016 (local Berlin time).

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