



Within the Centre for Islamic Theology supported financially by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia, the University of Münster is creating an

**Interdisciplinary Junior Research Group for
„Religious Plurality as a Challenge for Religions and Societies”**

The Centre is now offering

**four Post-doctoral Fellowships
(1 x TV-L14 / 3 x TV-L 13)**

The regular weekly working time currently amounts to 39 hours and 50 minutes. The positions are limited to 4 years.

The area of research of the Interdisciplinary Junior Research Group is the challenges contemporary societies and religious traditions are faced with by the growth of religious plurality. Concerning religious traditions, the research should investigate whether and how religious traditions have adapted and are adapting themselves to religious pluralism, and which factors are conducive or detrimental to such processes of adaptation. Concerning the religious pluralisation of contemporary societies, the research should investigate how the members of such societies react to such pluralisation, as well as how religiously plural societies should be organized, politically and legally, in order to promote a peaceful and productive relationship to religious plurality.

Prof. Dr. Thomas Bauer (Islamic Research), Prof. Dr. Detlef Pollack (Sociology), Prof. Dr. Perry Schmidt-Leukel (Religious Studies/Intercultural Theology) and Prof. Dr. Ulrich Willems (Political Science) are the academic administrators of the Interdisciplinary Junior Research Group.

The requirements for the position are a completed doctoral studies dissertation in a thematically relevant subject, an interest in interdisciplinary cooperation and intensive academic exchange, e.g. with the Junior Research Groups “Theology of Charity” at the University of Münster and “Religion and Education” at the University of Osnabrück. Furthermore, a very good command of English is essential, and for applicants from abroad very good passive skills in German; very good social skills as well as communication and team skills. The successful candidate will take over the organization and coordination (e.g. organizations of workshops and conferences) within the Interdisciplinary Junior Research Group, and therefore such additional appropriate qualifications for the TV-L 14 position are required.

Applications from female candidates are explicitly encouraged. Among applicants with identical qualifications, skills and achievements, women will receive preferential consideration, except if the personal qualities of another candidate are deemed more appropriate for the position. In the case of identical qualifications, disabled candidates will receive preferential consideration.

Applications with the usual documentation, a 5-paged presentation of a future research project relevant to the topic “Religious Plurality as Challenge for Religions and Societies” and the details of two references should be sent before January 27th 2012 to

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