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**DISTANT WORLDS**  
Munich Graduate School for Ancient Studies

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Graduate School  
Distant Worlds

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) in Munich is one of the leading European universities with a tradition reaching back more than 500 years. The university established in 2012 the Graduate School "Distant Worlds: Munich Graduate School for Ancient Studies" which is funded by the German Excellence Initiative. The Graduate School is an interdisciplinary research network that brings together LMU Munich and research institutions in Munich to provide an optimal environment for disciplinary research and the promotion of junior academics in the field of ancient studies. As part of its doctoral study and postdoctoral training programme, the Graduate School will combine research from a broad spectrum of disciplines within the field of ancient studies.

The Graduate School invites applications for the following positions:

## 8 Doctoral-Positions

Salary grade 13 TV-L / 65%

The starting date will be **November 1, 2015**.

The positions are **limited to two years**; the possibility of applying for a one-year extension is currently under consideration and will be decided as of 2016.

Each of the positions will be integrated into a junior research group. The junior research groups are oriented towards one of the seven focus areas below:

1. Constructions of norms
2. Constructions of elites
3. Constructions of the "beautiful"
4. Organisation of coexistence
5. Organisation of exchange
6. Organisation of dealing with dissent
7. Organisation of memory and forgetting

### Responsibilities:

Successful candidates will conduct a dissertation project within their individual discipline. The projects will be chosen by the candidates themselves and should contribute to one of the seven focus areas. In pursuing their research, candidates will be supported by mentors chosen from the group of Principal Investigators of the School.

They will collaborate with other doctoral students in an interdisciplinary junior research group coordinated by a postdoctoral researcher.

They will participate in the research training programme of the School. Together with their mentors they will select relevant courses from this programme in order to develop their academic profile.

**Requirements:**

In order to apply, candidates will need to have completed a four-year MA degree (or the equivalent) with thesis in the field of ancient studies with outstanding results. Applicants will need to submit a proposal for a dissertation project. They should demonstrate their openness towards working in an interdisciplinary context as well as an interest in basic and theoretical questions.

The School offers the scope for individual academic development and an inspiring research environment.

Applicants with disabilities possessing essentially equal qualifications will be given preference. LMU Munich is an equal opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply.

Please submit the following **required application documents** electronically:

**(A) as one pdf-file (max. 5 MB):**

- (1) Application letter (letter of motivation)
- (2) Curriculum vitae
- (3) Degree certificates
- (4) Research proposal (max. 7.500 characters incl. spaces) plus bibliography
- (5) Sample of your written work, e.g. from your Master's thesis (app. length: 10–12 pages)
- (6) if relevant, list of publications

**(B) as doc- or docx-file:**

completed application form

(download: [www.mzaw.uni-muenchen.de/dw/grants/doc/application.dot](http://www.mzaw.uni-muenchen.de/dw/grants/doc/application.dot)).

**(C) 2 Letters of reference:**

To be emailed directly by the referees to [application@mzaw.lmu.de](mailto:application@mzaw.lmu.de) citing the reference number **DW-Doc/15-2\_your\_name**

For further questions regarding the doctoral positions please send an email to Mrs. Anna Waldschütz at [anna.waldschuetz@mzaw.lmu.de](mailto:anna.waldschuetz@mzaw.lmu.de).

You can find further information on the Graduate School "Distant Worlds" on the following website: [www.mzaw.uni-muenchen.de/dw](http://www.mzaw.uni-muenchen.de/dw)

Please submit your complete application **in German or English** citing the reference number **DW-Doc/15-2\_your\_name** at the latest by **September 6, 2015** exclusively via email to: **[application@mzaw.lmu.de](mailto:application@mzaw.lmu.de)**

We are looking forward to your application!