

The START-project "Tracing Transformations in the southern Levant from collapse to consolidation in the mid-second millennium BC" (<http://www.oeaw.ac.at/tracing-transformations.html>) directed by Felix Höflmayer, funded by the Austrian Research Fund (FWF) Project No. Y-932 and hosted by the Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology at the Austrian Academy of Sciences and conducted in cooperation with the University of Vienna is offering two PhD-positions and one student assistant position. The project is carried out in cooperation with Katharina Streit (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, <http://buberfellows.huji.ac.il/node/316>)

1) PhD-position (or 50% Post-Doc position), 3 years: Chronology and radiocarbon dating (<http://www.oeaw.ac.at/die-oeaw/karriere-mit-der-oeaw/offene-stellen/>) Location: Institute of Oriental and European Archaeology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria

Key-areas of responsibility:

- Constructing a radiocarbon-backed absolute chronology for the Middle/Late Bronze Age transition
- Selecting samples for radiocarbon dating from key-sites in cooperation with excavation directors
- Constructing site-specific Bayesian models
- Close cooperation with Felix Höflmayer and Katharina Streit

Requirements:

- Master in Biblical Archaeology, Near Eastern Archaeology, Prehistory, and/or Egyptology or closely related field
- Solid background of/interest in radiocarbon dating and Bayesian statistics
- PhD-studies should be undertaken at the Institute for Oriental Studies, University of Vienna

Start Date: 1 May 2017

Closing Date for Applications: 31 January 2017

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Submission should include:

- Detailed CV
- Publication list
- Two letters of reference (which should be sent independently)

2) PhD-position, 3 years: Scarabs and chronology (<https://jobcenter.univie.ac.at/en/home/>), Job-ID: 7114
Location: Institute of Old Testament Studies and Biblical Archaeology, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

Key-areas of responsibility:

- Critical evaluation of the use of scarabs for chronological purposes
- Critical assessment of dating evidence for contexts of scarabs from Egypt and the Levant
- Compile a catalogue of securely datable scarabs (based on historical chronology or radiocarbon dating)
- Close cooperation with Felix Höflmayer and Katharina Streit

Requirements:

- Master in Biblical Archaeology and/or Egyptology or closely related field
- Solid background knowledge of archaeology of Egypt and the Levant

- Knowledge of modern Hebrew would be an advantage

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3) Student assistant, 2 years: Excavation and logistics

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Location: Institute of Oriental and European Archaeology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria

Key-areas of responsibility:

- Assisting in preparation of excavation at Tel Lachish
- Logistical assistance on site during excavation
- MA-thesis on Egyptian-Levantine connections (specific topic can be negotiated)

Requirements:

- BA in Biblical Archaeology, Near Eastern Archaeology, Prehistory and/or Egyptology or closely related field
- Knowledge of modern Hebrew would be an advantage
- Enrollment in MA-studies at University of Vienna or Hebrew University of Jerusalem desirable

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