

Post Doc Position (f/m), Multi-directional Cultural Interference Studies (RT5), for the ERC Advanced Grant Project ‘The Hyksos Enigma’*

The ERC Advanced Grant ‘The Hyksos Enigma’ at the Host Institution the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)** - Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology (OREA) is offering a Post Doc position for Research Track 5 (Multi-directional Cultural Interference Studies). This position is funded by the European Research Council (ERC) for 2-3 years (Post Doc). Salary: standard FWF personnel rates.

Project Background: This project seeks to shed light on a very obscure and little understood part in Egyptian history, the so called Hyksos Period and its prelude (c. 1750-1530 BC), during which Egypt was confronted with two heretofore unparalleled phenomena: an influx of a substantial foreign population and - probably as a result - the rule of a foreign dynasty over large parts of Egypt.

Key areas of responsibility:

- To study the Cultural Interference in the SIP and apply anthropological theories (e.g. acculturation, assimilation, hybridization) to intra-site developments by evaluating architecture and the corpus of material culture.
- To study the Cultural Interference during the NK.
- To define the reverse acculturation and the impact of the Hyksos rule on the NK.
- To investigate if Canaanite cults and other surviving Levantine elements were taken over directly from the Near Eastern population surviving in Egypt into the NK.
- To investigate, if an array of innovations in NK-Egypt looking like genuine Egyptian developments, might be results of Hyksos interference in traditional Egyptian culture, literature and religion.
- To investigate changes in the language and to determine, if innovations were due to the presence of a large body of Near Easterners who did not disappear after the conquest of Avaris, or if such changes were the result of newcomers during the NK.

Requirements:

- PhD in Egyptology or a closely related field.
- Experience with cultural interference theories.
- Consolidated knowledge in the linguistic stages of the Ancient Egyptian language.
- Solid background knowledge of the archaeology and material culture of Egypt and the Levant.

Start date:

01.01.2017

Closing date for applications:

15.08.2016, you must incl. “0117RT5-WW1608” in the reference/subject line.

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Submission papers should be up to date and include: a detailed CV, a publication list, a brief statement of past achievements and research interests as well as 2 letters of reference.

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