

Stamp seals from the Southern Levant: a multi-faceted prism for studying entangled histories in an interdisciplinary perspective

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This interdisciplinary, collaborative and multi-site project focuses on ancient stamp seals as a key medium for the study of second-to-first millennia historical entanglements in the Southern Levant (see CSSL factsheet 1.1 for further details). It engages a board of directors and an additional team of postdoc researchers and PhD students, an ICT technician, draftsperson(s) and student assistants.

Job opening – PhD research position, Universities of Bern and Zurich, 36 months (Jan. 2020 to Dec. 2022): Seals and sealings in gender-historical perspective

Extended application deadline: September 1, 2019, 24:00 CET

Your responsibilities

This PhD research will address seals and sealings in gender-historical perspective (sub-module D3 of the CSSL project). It will both contribute to and draw on the CSSL database project. The PhD student will work under the joint supervision of Profs Silvia Schroer (University of Bern) and Christoph Uehlinger (University of Zurich).

Your profile

You hold an M.A., based on a thesis of exceptional quality, in any of the following fields: Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology, Northwest Semitic Epigraphy, Gender History (antiquity), Hebrew Bible studies, Theology or Religious Studies (with a specialization in Biblical Studies and/or ancient religion). Previous academic engagement with gender studies is required, as is excellent command of English and good (reading) knowledge of German language.

We offer

varied and interesting work based partly at the Institute of Old Testament Studies, University of Bern, and partly at the History of Religions chair of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Zurich. Working in two different institutional and intellectual environments will enrich your academic experience and contribute to a characteristic research profile. The appointment is for a fixed period of three years.

Primary institutional affiliation will be decided according to previous background, target degree and admission regulations of the two universities. Both universities offer programs related to gender studies, encourage gender equality and diversity and are committed to balance career and personal development. Salary according to SNSF and local institutional regulations.

The successful candidate is expected to settle in or nearby Bern or Zurich in order to be able to participate in regular staff meetings and project workshops and to participate in relevant doctoral program activities.

Place of work

Institute of Old Testament Studies, Länggassstrasse 51, 3000 Bern 9 (years 1 and 3)
Department of Religious Studies, Kantonsschulstrasse 1, CH-8001 Zurich (year 2).

Suggested start of employment (rescheduled)

01.01.2020.

Application

Please submit your application via e-mail as one PDF document in English (cover letter, curriculum vitae, a copy of relevant degree transcripts, research statement, publications if applicable, and two recommendation letters) to

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