

The **Thomas-Institute at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the University of Cologne** invites applications for a position as

## Research Associate (m/f) in Digital Humanities

in fulltime (39.83 hours/week) starting May 1, 2016. Part-time employment is generally possible, unless official concerns conflict. The contract is limited for three years and can be extended after 3 years depending on the planning of the next project phase. The salary is based on the German E13 TV-L scale if terms and conditions under collective bargaining law are fulfilled.

The Thomas-Institute at the University of Cologne (Germany) conducts a long-term project of critical editions of the writings on Natural Philosophy by the Arabic philosopher Averroes (Ibn Rušd, 1126–1198) and his immediate predecessor Avempace (Ibn Bāğğa, ca. 1070–1139): “Averroes (Ibn Rushd) and the Arabic, Hebrew, and Latin Reception of Aristotle’s Philosophy of Nature.” The project will produce a total of 18 critical editions of the preserved Arabic original texts and their medieval Hebrew and Latin translations, which will be published both in print and as digital editions. Starting in 2016, the project is scheduled to run for 25 years, and has received funding for the entire period of its duration from the North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences, Humanities and the Arts. Directors: Prof. Dr. Andreas Speer, Jun.-Prof. Dr. David Wirmer.

The Digital Humanities position assigned to this project has the task to evaluate existing editing tools and to adapt them to the needs of the present project; to assist the editors in the encoding in XML/TEI of complex editorial findings; to implement—on the basis of an existing framework (<http://dare.uni-koeln.de/>)—solutions for the display of the critical apparatus; to contribute to the development of an TEI schema for edition meta-data; to further develop the technical framework with a view to standardized technologies and sustainability.

Appointment requirements are: either a university degree (Master) in computer science and a good knowledge of questions and methods used in the humanities, especially in edition philology or a university degree (Master) in a field related to the subject-matter of the edition project and in-depth knowledge in informatics. Eligible candidates should demonstrate an excellent knowledge of XML/TEI, XML-databases, XML editors and their customization, other XML related standards and web technologies. In addition, some experience in the creation of print masters is desirable.

The University of Cologne is an equal opportunities employer. Applications of women are thus especially encouraged; applications of disabled persons will be given preferential treatment to those of other candidates with equal qualifications.

Candidates should submit a cover letter that describes their research, two letters of recommendation, and a current curriculum vitae. To ensure full consideration, applications must be **received by March 1, 2016**. Please send your documents to:

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