The Thomas-Institut of the University of Cologne (Germany) in the group of Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Andreas Speer, Jun.-Prof. Dr. David Wirmer invites applications for the position of

Research Associate
in Arabic Philosophy at the Thomas-Institut

starting September 15, 2017 with a weekly working time of 25,89 (65% position). The initial contract will be funded for 2 years. A prolongation of the position after 2 years is possible depending on the planning of the next project phase. Payment is based on the German TV-L E13 scale if terms and conditions under collective bargaining law are fulfilled.

The Thomas-Institut 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 Bāǧğa, ca. 1070–1139): “Averroes (Ibn Rushd) and the Arabic, Hebrew, and Latin Reception of Aristotle’s Philosophy of Nature.” Started in 2016, the project is scheduled to run for 25 years; it is funded by the North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences, Humanities and the Arts. Directors: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Andreas Speer, Jun.-Prof. Dr. David Wirmer.

Your qualifications:

We are looking for an experienced editor for the Arabic section of the project whose task it will be to carry out a critical edition of Ibn Bāǧğa’s commentary on Aristotle’s De generatione et corruptione. Appointment requirements are: a university degree and PhD in a field related to the subject-matter of the edition project (e.g. History of Philosophy, Classical Philology, Oriental Studies, Jewish Studies etc.). Eligible candidates should demonstrate an excellent knowledge of Arabic, experience with the preparation of scholarly editions and close familiarity with Medieval philosophy. Knowledge of the other project languages, Hebrew and Latin, is highly appreciated but not required. Applications of qualified female candidates are explicitly encouraged. Female applicants with equal suitability, ability, and professional achievement will be given preference, provided that the personal qualities of another candidate are not more appropriate for the position. Severely disabled candidates will also be given preference in the case of overall equal aptitude and qualifications.

The University of Cologne is an equal opportunities employer. Applications of women are especially encouraged. Disabled candidates will be given priority in case of equal professional qualification.

Application:

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 July 30, 2017. Please send your documents to

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