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## **Research Assistant / Associate (f/m/d)**

### **Chair of Cultural Heritage and Preservation (Juniorprofessur Sicherung Kulturellen Erbes)**

#### **Our Profile**

The Chair of Cultural Heritage and Preservation (Juniorprofessur Sicherung Kulturellen Erbes) at the Faculty of Architecture is looking for

Two research associates (PhD positions)

to work in the joint research project "Cities Building Culture - Heritage in post-Soviet urban development". The positions are fixed term posts for 3 years from the start date of April 1, 2021 with the option of another 3 years extension. They are part-time posts (50%, TVL 13) and subject to the final funding approval.

The opportunity:

The joint research project "Cities Building Culture- aims at developing new approaches to the sustainable enhancement of the architectural heritage in the post-Soviet cities. Therefore, it build on fundamental research and international and interdisciplinary dialogue. In four sub-projects, the research network looks at different cities in Russia at the intersection of cultural, historical, social, planning and environmental sciences. Using the example of selected city quarters from the pre-socialist and socialist eras of the late 19th and 20th centuries, the joint research project examines, which past- and present-related values are attributed to the variously endangered urban neighbourhoods. Approaches of monument preservation and urban planning as well as civil engagement are questioned with regard to their effectiveness in terms of sustainable, cautious development. The joint research project promotes the post-Soviet regional studies and strengthens the interdisciplinary field of urban heritage preservation and development. It aims at the promotion of young scholars in particular. Given this project context, we are looking for:

- one research associate (PhD position) to work in the subproject "Institutional Practices": The project investigates the institutional settings, practices and local impacts of state monument preservation and urban planning in Russian sample cities with regard to the promotion of an urban development, which is cautious towards the cultural, socio-material fabric of urban neighbourhoods .
- one research associate (PhD position) to work in the subproject "Civil Practices": The project researches the emergence and conditions, the practices and effects of civil engagement and urban activism for the preservation and enhancement of built heritage in Russian cities.

#### **Your Profile**

Your skills and attributes for success:

- A university degree (master or equivalent) bin the field of urban planning, architecture, geography, history, cultural or social sciences.
- Special interest and knowledge in the research fields of the above-mentioned subprojects.
- A particular aptitude for scientific work, which you demonstrate through first publications, previous project work, etc.
- Strong interest and first experience working in international and interdisciplinary teams in science and/or practice.
- a very good command of English as well as Russian language (in writing and speaking). You are able and willing to spend longer research periods in Russia. German language skills are desirable, but not mandatory.

As a valued member of our team you can expect strong support for your doctorate, e.g. through the diverse opportunities at RWTH

Aachen University as well as in joint research project. We offer you great opportunities for international and interdisciplinary networking as well as a work in an inspiring and friendly environment.

#### **Ihre Aufgaben:**

As research associate you will be responsible for one of the two subprojects, either the project on "Institutional Practices" or "Civil Practices". Please indicate your preference! Your working tasks are in particular the primary research in Russia (methods: qualitative interviews, document and social media analysis, also standardized survey and cartography), the analysis and interpretation of data as well as the scientific communication of the research results.

#### **What We Offer**

The position is for 3 years and to be filled by April 1, 2021.

This is a part-time position (50% of the standard weekly hours for full-time employees).

The successful candidate has the opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree.

The salary corresponds to pay grade EG 13 TV-L of the German public service salary scale (TV-L).

RWTH is a certified family-friendly University. We support our employees in maintaining a good work-life balance with a wide range of health, advising, and prevention services, for example university sports. We also offer a comprehensive continuing education scheme and a public transportation ticket available at a significantly reduced price.

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As RWTH is committed to equality of opportunity, we ask you not to include a photo in your application.

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