

Call for Applications

The Institute for Contemporary History Munich – Berlin (IfZ) invites applications for three Doctoral Researcher’s positions, with place of employment in **Munich**, for the following, Leibniz Competition-funded project:

“Man hört, man spricht’: Informal Communication and Information ‘From Below’ in Nazi Europe” (INFOCOM)

INFOCOM is a five-year collaborative research project dedicated to investigating the intersection between official, “from above,” and state-driven communication and “from below” practices of information production, gathering, and interpretation in Nazi Germany and Nazi-occupied Europe. Inspired by cultural histories of National Socialism, media studies, and historical anthropologies of violence and war, the project highlights “from below” practices of communication — especially rumor — to explore innovative questions and establish a modern, transnational history of communication under National Socialism. How did individuals in Nazi Germany and its occupied territories construct knowledge in discursive fields dominated by censorship, state propaganda, and authoritarian rhetoric? What might the brokerage, form, and interpretation of informal information reveal about practices of inclusion and exclusion, gender relations, ethnic categorizations, or the distribution of power in a given society? How might we conceive of the interactions between societies and subjectivities in conditions of mass violence and exception, or between construals of reality and individual/collective agency?

Exploring these questions from a multidisciplinary, transnational, and comparative perspective, INFOCOM includes three doctoral projects, for which the Institute is opening the following positions:

1) One Doctoral Researcher (f/m/d) 65% E13 TV-L

We are seeking one Doctoral Researcher to complete a Ph.D. project on the role of informal, “from below” communication in **Nazi Germany**.

The main duties include:

- To undertake independent doctoral research on an aspect of the collaborative research project, as outlined above
- To write a dissertation based on the research undertaken as part of the project

- To collaborate with team members in the organization of workshops and conferences, and in the production of an edited volume
- To prepare and present research findings to colleagues and other relevant audiences
- To proactively participate in team meetings and joint project events

Key requirements:

- M.A. or equivalent in History with excellent academic achievements
- Expertise in 20th-century German and European history, including the Nazi period
- Proficiency (written and spoken) in English and German
- Willingness to work in a collaborative environment

2) One Doctoral Researcher (f/m/d) 65% E13 TV-L

We are seeking one Doctoral Researcher to complete a Ph.D. project on informal communication and the Holocaust in occupied **Poland**.

The main duties include:

- To undertake independent doctoral research on an aspect of the collaborative research project, as outlined above
- To write a dissertation based on the research undertaken as part of the project
- To collaborate with team members in the organization of workshops and conferences, and in the production of an edited volume
- To prepare and present research findings to colleagues and other relevant audiences
- To proactively participate in team meetings and joint project events

Key requirements:

- M.A. or equivalent in History with excellent academic achievements
- Expertise in 20th-century German and European history, including the Nazi period, the Holocaust, and the history of Poland
- Proficiency (written and spoken) in English and German
- Proficiency in the Polish language (or the willingness to acquire such proficiency within the first year of employment)
- Willingness to work in a collaborative environment

3) One Doctoral Researcher (f/m/d) 65% E13 TV-L

We are seeking one Doctoral Researcher to complete a Ph.D. project on the role of informal information in occupied **France**, 1940-1944.

The main duties include:

- To undertake independent doctoral research on an aspect of the collaborative research

- project, as outlined above
- To write a dissertation based on the research undertaken as part of the project
 - To collaborate with team members in the organization of workshops and conferences, and in the production of an edited volume
 - To prepare and present research findings to colleagues and other relevant audiences
 - To proactively participate in team meetings and joint project events

Key requirements:

- M.A. or equivalent in History with excellent academic achievements
- Expertise in 20th-century German and European history, including the Nazi period and the history of France
- Proficiency (written and spoken) in English and German
- Proficiency in the French language (or the willingness to acquire such proficiency within the first year of employment)
- Willingness to work in a collaborative environment

The positions will begin on **June 1, 2019**. Contracts are limited to three years, with the possibility of an additional six-month completion period of employment. **Salaries** will be paid according to the TV-L scale (for more information, see: <http://oeffentlicher-dienst.info>).

The Institute for Contemporary History strives for a gender balance in all of its employment groups. We therefore particularly encourage applications by women. Our aim is to further improve the compatibility between working and family life. In case of equal qualifications, applications by individuals with severe disabilities will be given preferential treatment.

Please submit the following **application materials**:

- A cover letter specifying which position you are applying for, and demonstrating how you meet the criteria for the post
- A full CV, including publications (if available)
- Two letters of recommendation
- A research proposal (1-2 pages) outlining your ideas for a doctoral research project pertaining to INFOCOM's specific themes
- Copies of your university transcripts

Please send your application **both as a hard copy by postal mail and in one PDF file by e-mail** to the Director of the Institute for Contemporary History, Prof. Dr. Andreas Wirsching (wirsching@ifz-muenchen.de). Informal inquiries about the project may be addressed to the Project Leader, Dr. Caroline Mezger (mezger@ifz-muenchen.de). Applications may be submitted in English or German.

Application deadline: 1 March 2019

Prospective interview date: First week of April