

Job vacancy (full-time): doctoral student

The Institute for Old Catholic Theology (*Institut für Christkatholische Theologie*) at the Faculty of Theology, University of Bern is seeking to fill a full-time vacancy for a doctoral student in the area of religious history. This is one of two job openings within the project “**Contested bodies. The religious lives of corpses**” of Professors Dr Angela Berlis (University of Bern) and Dr Tine van Osselaer at the Ruusbroec Institute of the University of Antwerp (Belgium). The project examines religiously meaningful bodies in European Catholicisms of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. A focus will be on Italy.

For a description of this project: <https://religiousbodies.com/contested-bodies/>

Job description

- You are involved in the research project “Contested bodies. The religious lives of corpses” and prepare a doctoral thesis in the area of religious history;
- You contribute to research in the Institute of Old Catholic Theology.

Profile and requirements

- You hold a master degree in theology (church history) or history or another field of humanities/social sciences, and display a clear interest in religious, cultural and/or social history (grade at least “good”);
- You are able to submit outstanding academic results;
- Your academic qualities comply with the requirements stipulated in the university’s policy;
- You are quality-oriented, conscientious, creative and cooperative;
- You have a good command of Italian and Latin;
- You are willing to spend time abroad.

We offer

- A doctoral scholarship for a period of four years;
- The start date of scholarship will be 1 May 2021 or later;
- A monthly salary according to SNF-scholarships (ca CHF 47’000 annually);

- A dynamic and stimulating work environment and exchange with academic staff in Bern and in Antwerp.

How to apply?

- Please submit your application online, **before 1 April 2021** to angela.berlis@theol.unibe.ch
- Your application contains the following information: your CV including a list of marks/grades of bachelor and master studies, your letter of motivation, the contact information of two referees (including e-mail, phone number and a description of your relationship with the referees). Attach also one writing example (e.g. chapter of MA thesis);
- A pre-selection will be made from amongst the submitted applications. The remainder of the selection procedure is specific to the position and will be determined by the selection panel;
- The interviews of the candidates, preselected by a selection panel, will take place in the second week of April 2021 (probably via Zoom);
- For questions about the profile and the description of duties, please contact Prof. Dr Angela Berlis, angela.berlis@theol.unibe.ch

Bern University and esp. the Faculty of Theology has a focus on equal opportunities and diversity.