

## Open call for early career researchers from Ukraine

The Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies (KFG) “Religion and Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations” at the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies of the University of Erfurt invites applications for one fellowship for a time period of 9 months for early career researchers hitherto based at a Ukrainian university.

### The “Religion and Urbanity” research group

The research group “Religion and Urbanity” investigates the co-constitution and co-evolution of religion and the urban. This comprises the reciprocal processes deriving from, but also impacting objects, architecture, and texts, but also narratives, imaginaries and aspirative imaginations. The fellowship can be awarded to post-doctoral scholars working in the Humanities, especially in the fields of History, History of Religion, Sociology, Urban Studies, Cultural Studies with a focus on historical and religious developments. The research group is financed by the German Research Foundation (FOR 2779) and directed by [Prof. Dr. Susanne Rau](#) and [Prof. Dr. Jörg Rüpke](#).

The research group is hosted by the [Max Weber Centre](#) since 2018; further information on the group’s research profile can be found on the [blog](#), in the OA journal [Religion and Urbanity Online](#) and the [website at the Max-Weber-Centre](#).

### Fellowship

Fellows are provided with an office space including all common utilities. The group’s working languages are English and German. The fellowship is set to commence as soon as possible, given the successful evaluation of the application papers. The fellowship includes a honorarium and accommodation in Erfurt. The length of the fellowship is set at (up to) 9 months. Fellows are expected to reside in Erfurt for the duration of the fellowship (“Ortsprinzip”).

### Eligibility

To be eligible for a fellowship, the candidate must propose a research project to be conducted during the fellowship within the Religion and Urbanity framework, to have successfully completed a PhD thesis, and hitherto having been affiliated to a university in Ukraine. Fellows are expected to participate actively in the interdisciplinary and intercultural life of the research group and the Max Weber Centre, to present one colloquium each term and contribute to the open access platform Religion and Urbanity online.

### Application

Please submit your application as soon as possible with

- a cover letter indicating your interest in the fellowship and your previous engagement with religious or urban history
- your curriculum vitae, incl. publications

- an outline of the research project you would like to pursue addressing the KFG's research focus (1000-3000 words) with a stringent discussion of a) your research questions, b) the state of research on the topic, c) your methodological approach and leading hypotheses
- if possible, manuscripts of your publications
- copies of your last university degrees, incl. a summary of your PhD thesis in either German or English

as one combined pdf-file (maximum of 15 MB, publications may be presented in separate files) to [klara-maeve.oreilly@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:klara-maeve.oreilly@uni-erfurt.de), with the reference UA2022.

**Queries** can be directed to [Dr.Klara-Maeve O'Reilly](#).

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