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In the Faculty of Arts and Humanities - Institute for Human Sciences/Philosophy - at the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, headed by Prof.in Dr.in Ruth Hagengruber,

2 postdoc-positions
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are available in the project founded by the German Research Foundation DFG “Historical Critical Digital Edition of the handwritten version of Émilie Du Châtelet’s “Institutions de physique”.

This position is limited for the period of two years, due to third-party funding, based on the German law “Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz (WissZeitVG)”. The time limit corresponds to the approved project period.

Pending approval of the funding for a further funding phase of the project is possible and may be continued within the time limits of the WissZeitVG.

Project description:
The internationally renowned research on Émilie du Châtelet at the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists will be continued with this project. Émilie Du Châtelet’s manuscripts of her main work “Institutions de physique” are to be critically and historically edited, commented and placed in the context of the Enlightenment, especially the German Enlightenment (Leibniz, Wolff).

Conditions of employment:
Applicants must have a thematically relevant and outstanding PhD or postdoctoral research expertise in philosophy, preferably with a focus on the 17th or 18th century. Knowledge in the field of Enlightenment research is indispensable as is experience in dealing with manuscripts. Previous knowledge of Emilie Du Châtelet’s works is of advantage.

The implementation of the research project requires the ability to cooperate and work in a team and the willingness to participate in the profiling and development of the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists as well as to support its goals of promoting the history of women philosophers. Excellent knowledge of French and English is required. Experience in transcription and its digital representation is desirable. Applications from international colleagues are welcome.

Applications of women are especially welcome. In case of equal qualification and scientific achievements, they will receive preferential treatment according to the North Rhine-Westphalian Equal Opportunities Policy (LGG), unless there are cogent reasons to give preference to another applicant. Likewise, applications of disabled people with appropriate qualification are explicitly requested. This also applies to people with equal status according to the German social law SGB IX.

Please note that only electronic applications can be considered. A maximum of two work samples are expected in digital form. The job interviews will be held via ZOOM. For further questions, please contact Petra Große Holling. Applications should include the usual documents.

Please send your application in one pdf-document with reference to the code no. 4347 by September 20th, 2020, (deadline) to:

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