

**Doctoral scholarships**  
**Graduate college "Religious Non-conformism and Cultural Dynamics"**  
**University of Leipzig.**

Deadline: 10 January 2010

The graduate college "Religious Non-conformism and Cultural Dynamics" will award  
5 doctoral scholarships for a period of three years, beginning on 1 April 2010.

The college conducts research on religious non-conformism in various regional and temporal contexts. The central thesis is that religious non-conformism is an essential element of the religious field and a potential resource of alternative meaning and orientation, constituting an element of cultural tension and dynamics.

The project is arranged along three lines of interest:

- (1) The tension between religious non-conformism and conformity, i.e. the dominant forms of (religious) orientations and ways of life.
- (2) The innovative potential and the transforming dynamics of religious non-conformism.
- (3) The social structure, the interconnectedness, and the societal position of nonconformist groups and milieus.

The college places the study of religious non-conformism in an interdisciplinary and comparative context. The fields of research include Study of Religions, Sociology of Religion, African Studies, Old Testament / Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Arabic / Islamic Studies, History, Indology, Jewish Studies, Church History, Tibetology, East Asian Religions.

We are looking for candidates from within and outside Germany with an above-average degree. Their dissertation project must deal with religious non-conformism in one of the fields named above. The languages of the college will be German and English. Candidates with insufficient German whose projects are chosen for the college can in addition obtain a scholarship for linguistic training.

Applicants will normally be no older than 28. (But time spent rearing children, as well as national service etc. may be taken into account.) Those given a scholarship must undertake to live in Leipzig.

The University of Leipzig aims to raise the proportion of women and therefore calls upon women to apply. Handicapped people with equal qualifications will be given preference.

Applications (in German or English) should include:

- a covering letter
- a curriculum vitae and copies of certificates
- a list of publications (if any)
- a letter from an academic referee
- a description of the research project, max. 10 pages, with time plan
- a specimen of written work (e.g. Master's thesis).

Please send these in electronic form (as pdf files) to: [nonkonformismus@uni-leipzig.de](mailto:nonkonformismus@uni-leipzig.de)

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