

Post Doc Position (f/m), Trade and Crisis Analyses (RT6), for the ERC Advanced Grant Project ‘The Hyksos Enigma’*

The ERC Advanced Grant ‘The Hyksos Enigma’ at the Host Institution the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)** - Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology (OREA) is offering a Post Doc position for Research Track 6 (Trade and crisis analyses). This position is funded by the European Research Council (ERC) for 3-4 years (Post Doc). Salary: standard FWF personnel rates.

Project Background: This project seeks to shed light on a very obscure and little understood part in Egyptian history, the so called Hyksos Period and its prelude (c. 1750-1530 BC), during which Egypt was confronted with two heretofore unparalleled phenomena: an influx of a substantial foreign population and - probably as a result - the rule of a foreign dynasty over large parts of Egypt.

Key areas of responsibility:

- The study of sites in the Eastern Delta according to their economic development by quantification of imports (pottery and other) from the Levant, from Cyprus, the Aegean, Upper Egypt, the desert oases and Nubia.
- Coordination of content analysis of ceramic containers to establish the containers’ original function in archaeological contexts by means of organic residue analyses to determine what kind of merchandise was traded.
- Coordination of investigation of metallic artefacts by sampling MB and Egyptian objects with lead isotope analyses to determine their origin and the source of the components to establish the possible decline of foreign trade in the late Hyksos period.
- Exploration of archaeological data to determine other repetitive markers of change.

Requirements:

- PhD in Egyptology or a closely related field.
- Intimate knowledge of the material culture of the MB of the Levant and Cyprus.
- Solid background knowledge of the archaeology of Egypt and the Levant.
- Knowledge of maritime trade along the Levantine coast during MB.

Start date:

01.01.2017

Closing date for applications:

15.09.2016, you must incl. “**0117RT6-THE1509**” in the reference/subject line.

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Submission papers should be up to date and include: a detailed CV, a publication list, a brief statement of past achievements and research interests as well as 2 letters of reference.

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