

## Position of a postdoctoral research fellow

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin, invites applications for a postdoctoral research position with a 2,5-year contract, starting 1 December 2020. The successful candidate will be part of the project *Religion, Morality and Boko in West Africa: Students Training for a Good Life ('Remoboko')*. The project is funded by the Leibniz Association and ZMO through May 2023. It is led by Abdoulaye Sounaye (principal investigator) and comprises three doctoral students and one postdoctoral position.

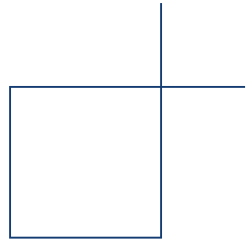
The advertised position is set for 80% of a full-time contract. The salary grade for the advertised position corresponds to the German scheme of employment in the public sector (TVöD E13). Additional funds for research travel, conference participation, and publications are available. The successful candidate will be required to be based in Berlin. We especially encourage women and mid-career researchers to apply.

### General outline of the project:

*Remoboko* is a study of religiosity and how it affects secular education (boko, in Hausa) in West Africa. It focuses on the presence, competition, and conflict between secularism, Salafism, and Pentecostalism on university campuses. The details of the project can be found [here](#). The project started in 2018 and is scheduled to end at the end of May 2023.

### Advertised position:

- The candidate is expected to carry out their own research within the larger frame of the Remoboko project, focusing on religiosity and higher education in West Africa. The project must be designed in such a way that it leads to at least a book manuscript by the end of the contract.
- The candidate must hold a PhD in anthropology, sociology, religious studies, history, or cognate disciplines.
- The candidate is expected to show familiarity with debates on religiosity in Africa.
- The candidate must be ready to work both independently and as part of a team, within an international and highly competitive environment. As a consequence, she or he is expected to complete and deliver work in a timely manner.
- The candidate is expected to hold an excellent command over English and French. German skills are desirable.

**Key responsibilities:**

- Conducting research on the proposed theme;
- Active participation in organizing workshops and conferences, reading groups, and other events of the project as well as events in conjunction with other ZMO research units;
- Active assistance in meeting the publication/outreach plans of the project;
- Writing a book manuscript.

**What we offer:**

The Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) is a research institution in Germany that studies the Middle East, Africa, Eurasia, South and Southeast Asia in an interdisciplinary and historically comparative perspective. We offer a vibrant and interdisciplinary work environment in Berlin as well as a motivating and friendly working atmosphere. Our centre provides opportunities to connect widely with other institutes and networks in Berlin and beyond.

**Application materials:**

Please collate all materials in one **single PDF file** and send it to Maija Susarina ([Maija.Susarina@zmo.de](mailto:Maija.Susarina@zmo.de)) by **31 August 2020** with the subject REMOBOKO-POSTDOC.

Please Include:

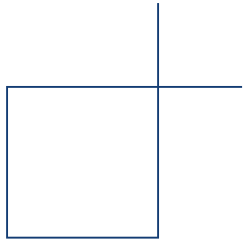
- A cover letter (not exceeding two pages);
- An outline of your proposed research in line with the key research questions of the Remoboko project (maximum five pages);
- A statement of purpose (one page maximum) stating the ways in which your experience would aid the project in achieving its overall goals;
- A Curriculum Vitae with a list of publications (including those under review);
- A copy of certificates (M.A. and PhD);
- A writing sample (fairly recent journal article, book or thesis chapter);
- Two referees (names, affiliations, email addresses, and telephone numbers).

**Diversity:**

Relevant informal enquiries regarding the project and the advertised job can be made to Abdoulaye Sounaye, [abdoulaye.sounaye@zmo.de](mailto:abdoulaye.sounaye@zmo.de), cc also to [Maija.Susarina@zmo.de](mailto:Maija.Susarina@zmo.de)

**Further information:**

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**Selection:**

Candidates will be shortlisted for the interview on the basis of the received application. We expect interviews to take place online or on-site during the second half of September 2020. We will keep the selected candidates informed and work out a mutually agreeable interview date. Chosen candidates should be well prepared to appear for the interview using digital/virtual medium.