

Scientific project collaboration for provenance research Collection from colonial contexts

The Museum Burg Mylau is an institution of futurum vogtland e. V. and is one of the most important museums in the border region of Saxony, Thuringia, Bavaria and Bohemia. More than 100 years of collecting activity have created a very heterogeneous collection with a heavy focus on natural history, regional, economic and castle history and geology. A smaller part of the collection originates from colonial contexts and is now in the Museum Burg Mylau and in the State Ethnographic Collections in Dresden.

For the collaboration in the research project "History and Provenance of the Ethnological Collection Mylau and Reichenbach in the Museum Burg Mylau", funded by the German Lost Art Foundation, we are offering the following position. The position is available from 1 July 2022 and limited until 31 Decembre 2022.

Scientific Assistant Provenance Research E 13

Application deadline: 30 April 2022

The provenance research project deals exclusively with the objects in the historical collection that originated in Africa. The regions of origin of the 180 objects currently in the collection are concentrated in western and southern Africa, focusing on the former German colonies.

These are your tasks:

- Establishing contacts in the regions of origin and leading the scientific exchange for the formation of a scientific network for the research of the objects currently located in Mylau and Dresden.
- Editing data sets for the publication of objects in the museum portal museum.digital
- Participation in the project team including written documentation of the results of the work as part of the final report.
- If necessary, reassignment of previously unresolved collection objects to the collection holdings with the provenance of Africa.

What we offer:

- Compensation according to E 13
- a varied and interesting job in a supportive and committed team
- Home office work and flexible working hours
- a high degree of autonomy

What we expect:

- Completed studies in anthropology, African studies, ethnology or comparable fields.
- Experience in international networking with contacts in the regions of origin.
- Experience in handling collection objects and in working with societies of origin and knowledge of German colonial history.
- good knowledge of the German and English languages, both written and spoken
- Ability to work in a team and very good communication skills.

Museum Burg Mylau and futurum vogtland e. V. ensure equality for all people, regardless of gender, national origin, religion or any disability. The application of researchers from the countries of origin/communities of origin is very much welcomed. Please apply with the relevant documents by 30 April 2022 by email to sina.klausnitz@burgmylau.de.