

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The dean of the Faculty of History with the consent of the Rector of the University of Warsaw, announces a competition for the position of postdoctoral researcher in the field of history in the Department of History of the 20th Century, Faculty of History, University of Warsaw in NCN OPUS-27 research project: "China's Multiple Pasts: Museums, Colonial History, and Decoloniality in Southeast Asia" (project no: 2024/53/B/HS3/01498

About the programme/project/undertaking:

Title of programme/project/undertaking	"China's Multiple Pasts: Museums, Colonial History, and Decoloniality in Southeast Asia"
Type of programme/project/undertaking	NCN OPUS-27
Funding institution	National Science Centre
Duration of programme/project/undertaking	36 months.
Head of programme/project/undertaking	Dr. Laura Pozzi
Description of programme/project/undertaking	This project strives to examine if and how Overseas Chinese history museums in Southeast Asia offer alternative representations of the past to those found in the People's Republic of China (PRC). By juxtaposing the nationalist representations embedded in the PRC's memorialization of Chinese diaspora and those shown in museums in Southeast Asia this project will analyse the diversity of discourses on Chinese past, retrieve the agency of different communities funding the museums, and problematize the application of decolonial theories in museums based outside the Western episteme.

Position details:

Position title	Postdoctoral researcher
Organisational unit	Faculty of History
Employment group	research academics
Position profile ¹	R2
Academic discipline ²	History
Number of positions	1
Form of employment and length of working time (proportionally to full-time employment)	Employment contract, 1 full-time employment
Expected date of commencement of work and employment period	1st October 2025
Remuneration	Basic remuneration PLN gross monthly income 8500/8900+ funding for research trips and participation in international conferences, plus the

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	additional annual remuneration, allowance for years of service, ... More information: link
Other working conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Workplace:</i> Faculty of History, University of Warsaw, <i>Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, 00-927 Warsaw</i> – <i>Career opportunities:</i> ... More information: link
Basic responsibilities and obligations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conducting research on her/his topic that will be related to history of Overseas Chinese history and its representations in museums in Southeast Asia. 2. Preparing and publishing academic articles/a monograph. At least one academic article should be accepted for publication before the end of the contract. 3. Presenting research findings on international conferences. 4. Assisting PI in organizing an international work shop and editing a collected volume. <p><i>More information:</i> Scope of responsibilities of the academic teacher</p>
Conditions for entering the competition ³	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fulfilment of the requirements set out in Article 113 of the Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, consolidated text) 2. A person may be employed as an assistant professor in a research group if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. has a doctoral degree; b. has significant scientific achievements ; c. has plans for future research activities; d. has international experience. 3. PhD degree preferably in the field of 19th and/or 20th century Overseas Chinese history in Thailand/Malaysia/Indonesia, or in the field of global history with focus on Southeast Asia. PhD degree must be obtained not later than 7 years before starting the fellowship. 4. Fluency in spoken and written English. 5. Publication record commensurate to the career level. 6. Knowledge of at least one of the following languages: Chinese, Thai, Malay, Indonesian. 7. Experience in conducting research in of museum studies and/or a proven interest in heritage studies will be an advantage.
In addition, we expect ⁴	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interest in looking for new funding opportunities and to apply to new research grants together with the PI. 2. If hired, we expect the University of Warsaw to be the primary workplace for the successful candidate.
Criteria for the assessment of candidates in a competition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The candidate's research achievements, including publications (commensurate to the career level of the candidate), participation in international conferences, awards, and scholarships (30% of the final score) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 points outstanding 3 points very good 2 points good 1 point poor 0 points no achievements 2. The candidate's competence required to carry out specific tasks in the research project, such as language skills, research interests, experience in museum work, international connections (40% of the final score) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 points outstanding 3 points very good 2 points good 1 point poor 0 points no achievements

³ Required by the Act, the Law on Higher Education and Science, the Statute of the University of Warsaw, as well as necessary for the position.

⁴ Additional conditions to be met; however, not meeting them will not lead to a negative formal assessment.

	<p>3. Organizational skills, such as experience in the organization of conferences, workshops, panels, collected volumes (20% of the final score)</p> <p>4 points outstanding 3 points very good 2 points good 1 point poor 0 points no achievements</p> <p>4. Communication and Interpersonal skills (10% of the final score)</p> <p>2 points: The candidate clearly communicates their ideas, demonstrates enthusiasm and motivation to work, and provides relevant answers to questions asked during the interview; 1 point: The candidate gives general answers but shows interest and basic preparation for the position; 0 points: The candidate is unable to express their thoughts clearly, shows no motivation or preparation for the position.</p>
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Position related/not related⁵ to activities covered by the protection of minors.

Competition rules:

Announcement reference number	WHist-K-2025-05
Keywords	Museums, Southeast Asia, Overseas Chinese, history
Deadline for submitting applications ⁶	3 June 2025
Method of submitting an application	– by e-mail to the following address: praca.historia@uw.edu.pl
Required documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A copy of PhD Diploma or relevant document obtained no later than 7 years before starting the fellowship or a statement from your supervisor that you expect to receive your Ph.D. degree by October 1st, 2025 – Description of the research project related to the grant (2 pages). – Two recommendation letters. – A candidate questionnaire (https://rekrutacja-i-rozwoj.bsp.uw.edu.pl/wp-content/uploads/sites/43/2025/04/EN.docx) <p>Please ensure that your application is complete and submitted by the deadline indicated!</p>

The competition is the first stage of the recruitment process, please read the Policy of Open, Transparent and Merit-Based Recruitment at the University of Warsaw [link](#)

Anticipated date and method of notification of the competition outcomes	15 July 2025 via e-mail
Contact for any questions relating to the competition	<p>praca.historia@uw.edu.pl with the announcement reference number</p> <p>Accessibility needs should be indicated on the Candidate's Questionnaire, in: <i>Other relevant information from a candidate</i></p>

Employing faculty/unit:

Research profile of faculty/unit	https://historia.uw.edu.pl/en/main-page/
Teaching profile of faculty/unit	<i>Description or link</i>
Other information	

⁵ Delete as appropriate.

⁶ Not sooner than 30 days from the date of publication of the announcement.

The University of Warsaw has implemented the procedure for whistleblowers reporting cases of law violation and for undertaking follow-up actions. For **more information** about this topic and the processing of candidates' personal data please follow the [link](#)

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