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Call for Applications: Seed Money

Dear Colleagues,

the Center for Area Studies (CAS) at Freie Universität Berlin (FU) is pleased to announce that it is launching a pilot project to promote early career researchers (postdoctoral) in area studies.

The pilot project aims at supporting early career researchers in the period between completing their dissertations and developing a grant proposal for their individual postdoctoral project. Thus, the Center for Area Studies invites applications for

short-term grants (6-9 months) for postdoctoral research projects in area studies.

The grant amount is based on the standards set by the German Research Foundation (DFG): a stipend of €1500 per month. The stipend is not considered employment and is thus exempt from taxes and social security contributions.

The Center for Area Studies invites applications from outstanding postdoctoral researchers who have completed their dissertations in area studies within the last 12 to 14 months and who propose an innovative project either in a traditional area studies discipline or in the social sciences with implications for area studies. In the 6 to 9 months fellowship, postdoctoral researchers are expected to develop a grant proposal for submission to an external funding agency for an FU-affiliated research project.

Postdoctoral researchers funded through this program must be present at FU during the entire period of their scholarship. A shared work space and library access will be provided.

Deadline for submission of applications is January 31, 2012.

Scholars who are interested in the program are asked to submit to the CAS office the following documents in digital format (.doc, .docx, or .pdf): an outline of their proposed research idea, indication of the funding agency and program to which the project proposal shall be submitted, a copy of their dissertation and the dissertation evaluations by the dissertation committee (if available in their country), copies of at least two relevant publications as well as a c.v. and copies of degrees and other relevant employment and academic credentials.

Sincerely,

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