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The **Faculty of Arts and Humanities** - Institute of Human Sciences in the subject of Philosophy - offers a full-time position (100 % of the regular working time), which will start at the earliest opportunity:

## Researcher Assistant (f/m/d) (Salary level E 13 TV-L)

Employment as a doctoral student is initially fixed to one year and adheres to the legal regulations laid out in the "Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz" (WissZeitVG). This is a position, which serves the acquisition of scientific competences through the development of a dissertation topic in the field of research into the texts of women philosophers of the early modern period (16th to 18th century).

### Position description and responsibilities:

- Teaching commitment of usually 4 semester hours per week
- Active participation in the research area of Dr Jil Muller and the Chair of Practical Philosophy, as well as the affiliated HWPS Centre for Research into the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists in the Early Modern and Modern Periods.
- Acquisition of scientific competences through the development of a dissertation topic in the interfaces to Dr Muller's research topic: women philosophers of the Renaissance/early modern period and modern times on, for example, 1) man as a total being (union, body, mind, etc.); 2) man as a being in an environment (natural environment such as weather, food, plants; sublunar environment, etc.); 3) man as a 'suffering being' (melancholy, fever and other diseases and suffering); 4) man as a 'self-healing being' (self-knowledge, passions, etc.); and 5) man as a social and political being (friendship, power, responsibility, etc.).

### Your profile:

- Very good academic degree (Master)
- Proven knowledge in the field of early modern philosophy (master's thesis)
- Good knowledge of written and spoken English, another European language (French/Spanish/Italian) is an advantage.
- Independent working style, willingness to work in an interdisciplinary context, experience in presenting research using modern communication techniques.

### We provide:

- An international team versed into the field of women philosophers and scientists, willing to break the boundaries and rewrite the human history.
- Flexible working hours and the individual option of home office
- Wide range of health, counselling and prevention services, attractive fringe benefits such as childcare facilities and sports programs
- Opportunities for internal and external training and development

Applications from women are particularly welcome and, in case of equal qualifications and experiences, will receive preferential treatment according to the North Rhine-Westphalian Equal Opportunities Act (LGG), unless there are preponderant reasons to give preference to another applicant. Part-time employment is, in principle, possible. Applications from disabled people with appropriate suitability are explicitly welcome. This also applies to people with equal opportunities in accordance with the German social law SGB IX.

Applications with complete documents (cover letter with an initial research idea, CV, certificates, and contact details of two references in a single PDF file: name\_surname.pdf) should be sent via email with the subject "PhD in Philosophy 2025" application quoting **reference number 6783** by **31. January 2025** to Dr. Jil Muller: [jil.muller@uni-paderborn.de](mailto:jil.muller@uni-paderborn.de).

Information on the processing of your personal data can be found at: <https://www.uni-paderborn.de/zv/personaldatenschutz>.

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