

VACANCY: Postdoctoral Researcher (1 FTE)
Duration: Up to 5 Years
Location: Prague, Czech Academy of Sciences

The Institute of Slavonic Studies of the Czech Academy of Sciences (www.slu.cas.cz), in accordance with Act No. 283/1992 Coll. on the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, as amended by Act No. 420/2005 Coll., and the Statutes of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, announces a call for applications for the position of **Postdoctoral Researcher** as part of a multidisciplinary team working on the project *Multilingualism and the Emergence of New Written Languages as a Transformation of Discursive Traditions*. The project is funded under the Lumina Quaeruntur program and will run from 2025 to 2029.

The project aims to theoretically describe and analyse the mechanisms behind the emergence of new written languages or language varieties within the multilingual contexts of various European cultural traditions during the Middle Ages and Early Modern Period. The research will compare philological methodologies across traditions and develop a theory on how new written language traditions emerge as transformations of dominant regional or contact culture discourse traditions.

Key Responsibilities:

- Conduct research in historical sociolinguistics, focusing on both theoretical/methodological aspects and case studies from the researcher's area of expertise.
- Publish, on average, one study per year in a reputable international journal or with a leading publisher.
- Contribute to the collective monograph, the project's primary output.
- Present research findings at workshops and conferences.
- Participate in the Institute's activities, including sharing project results with a non-academic audience.

Requirements:

- PhD (within five years of being awarded) in historical linguistics, philology, or historical sociolinguistics, focused on a European language or a language traditionally present in Europe (e.g., Hebrew, Arabic). At least one relevant publication is required.
- Experience in working with multiple philological traditions across different language groups (e.g., Latin & Germanic, Greek & Slavic) is an advantage. Knowledge of Semitic languages is especially encouraged.
- A degree in Slavic Studies is not required but is considered an asset.
- Advanced proficiency in both written and spoken English.

What We Offer:

- Full-time position (1 FTE) for up to 5 years (negotiable workload and contract duration).
- Gross salary: 39,000 CZK gross (approx. 1,500 EUR).
- Office located in the heart of Prague within a dynamic and supportive academic environment.
- Flexible working hours, meal allowances, options for expanding education, including language courses.
- 5 weeks of paid vacation annually.

Application Requirements:

- A cover letter detailing your interest in the position and the value you would bring to the project.
- A full curriculum vitae (CV), including the publication list.
- Copies of documents verifying qualifications.
- A writing sample of at least 20 pages that demonstrates your relevant work.

How to Apply:

Please submit applications with attached documents in an envelope to the institute's address (Institute of Slavonic Studies of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Valentinská 91/1, 110 00 Prague 1) or via the data mailbox (address: jeknq7e) or by email to: slu@slu.cas.cz, clearly marked "**Selection Procedure. Multilingualism.**"

For any questions contact the Principal Investigator Vladislav Knoll: knoll@slu.cas.cz.

Important Dates:

- **Deadline for applications: 3 December 2024 12.00 CET (noon).**
- **Start date:** 1 January 2025 at the earliest (negotiable).