



The Collaborative Research Centre “Historical and Transcultural Narratology” (TRR 427), funded by the German Research Foundation, examines pre-modern (ancient, medieval, early modern) narratives from different cultural contexts with the aim of systematically and comparatively investigating the dynamics and functions of narratives in past contexts. The project, consisting of 19 PIs from 16 different disciplines, is based at the universities of Bochum, Bonn, and Freiburg.

Within the DH sub-project “Methods Lab/Embedded Research Project: Premodern Slavic as a Testing Ground for Digital Narrative Methodology” (Freiburg, <https://narratology.de/index.php/special-section-r-dh-c/>), the following position is to be filled:

Researcher (m/f/d, Pre-/Postdoc, E13, 75%)

Contract Period: October 1, 2026, to June 30, 2030 (3 years and 9 months)

The responsibilities of the Researcher (Pre-/Postdoc) include:

- Conducting a research project using digital methodology to examine narrative structures in pre-modern Slavic texts (including corpus creation, annotation, analysis using traditional NLP and AI methods, and visualization)
- Evaluating DH and AI methods regarding their transferability to other language and text constellations handled within the CRC
- Close collaboration with the CRC’s DH and AI Architect and other staff members of the Methods Lab/DH Lab Freiburg
- Producing publications on the digital narratological analysis of pre-modern Slavic texts
- Opportunity for further academic qualification
- The position can be filled as either a Pre-doc or a Postdoc.

Your profile:

- Completed Master’s degree with a focus on Slavic studies
- Knowledge of pre-modern Slavic varieties (e.g., Old Church Slavonic or Old East Slavic)
- Experience with digital methods (e.g., Natural Language Processing, stylometry, etc.)
- Willingness to engage with the application potential of (primarily local and open) LLMs and agentic coding/workflows
- Functional proficiency in German and English
- Advantageous: Knowledge of R and/or Python, knowledge of statistics
- Ability to work in a team, strong communication skills, and the ability to work independently

Please send your application documents (cover letter, CV, academic certificates, evidence/description of your experience with digital methods, and if applicable, a list of publications) as a single PDF file (or via cloud link if the file size is too large) by July 20, 2026, to the PI of the sub-project, Prof. Dr. Achim Rabus (achim.rabus@slavistik.uni-freiburg.de). Prof. Rabus is also available for any inquiries.