

### PhD Student Position (65%, E13 TV-L, 3 years)

The [Chair for Sinology with a focus on the Intellectual and Cultural History of China](#) — Institute for Near Eastern and East Asian Languages and Civilizations — at FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg (Germany) invites applications for the position of a PhD student (f/m/d) with an interest in the global/transregional history of quantification and/or modern or contemporary history of science in China, in particular statistics or predictive sciences.

The position is part of the interdisciplinary project “Quantification and Prediction from Europe to East-Asia” funded by the Alexander-von-Humboldt-Foundation (2021–2026). In cooperation with the IKGf ([International Consortium for Research in the Humanities](#)) at FAU the PhD project shall focus on political and historical epistemologies of statistical production and forecasting practices and their global/transregional circulation. Together with the other project members the applicant will conduct research and contribute to an online encyclopedia of critical terms of predictive sciences and provide support for the organization of conferences and project publications.

The successful candidate is expected to have

- a Master degree in Chinese studies, historical sciences or related disciplines,
- strong interest in the role of quantification and prediction of social and natural phenomena in science and society,
- excellent knowledge of working languages English and Chinese.

FAU provides an innovative and supportive environment, a yearly travel budget is granted for archival research and conference participation. The position is to be filled by **October 1st, 2021**.

FAU is a family-friendly employer and intends to increase the number of women in research and teaching positions and, therefore, strongly encourages female researchers to apply. In its pursuit of academic excellence, FAU is committed to equality of opportunity and to a proactive and inclusive approach, which supports and encourages all under-represented groups, promotes an inclusive culture and values diversity.

Please apply by submitting a letter of motivation, a CV, a project description (ca. 1000 words) and contact information (incl. email addresses) for two academic references by **31 May 2021** to Prof. Dr. Andrea Bréard [andrea.breard@fau.de](mailto:andrea.breard@fau.de). Inquiries concerning the position may be directed to the project leader beforehand.

#### Contact:

Prof. Dr. Andrea Bréard  
Lehrstuhl für Sinologie mit dem Schwerpunkt Geistes- und Kulturgeschichte Chinas (Alexander von Humboldt-Professur)  
Institut für Sprachen und Kulturen des Nahen Ostens und Ostasiens  
Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg  
Artilleriestraße 70  
91052 Erlangen  
Germany

Unterstützt von / Supported by



**Alexander von Humboldt**  
Stiftung / Foundation