1 PhD position for a four-year appointment in Digital Humanities (University of Basel)
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The Sinergia-project , approved by the Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF, examines the transformation of analogue into digital archives from the perspective of technology, communication, and the anthropology of knowledge. The goal is the analysis and systematic description of historical and contemporary archiving practices: the generation, processing, archiving, and dissemination of knowledge. The complex interplay of participants, epistemological orders, and visualizations of knowledge in such practices are studied in connection with three collections from the the Swiss Society for Folklore Studies (Schweizerische Gesellschaft fur Volkskunde SGV). The aim is to design an interface that enables users to annotate, contextualize, organize, and link both images and their metainformation.

Within the framework of this project, various positions are to be filled from 1st February 2021.

The doctoral candidate will receive a degree in Digital Humanities (University of Basel) on the topic of the interoperability of semantic data. The primary supervisor will be P. Fornaro. The doctoral candidate will work on the extension of the data infrastructure DaSCH, as well as on the ontology design and the IIIF extension.

Your responsibilities

Responsibilities of all applicants:
– Organization of workshops and conferences
– Active participation in workshops/research seminars/conferences
– Some administrative responsibilities

Specific responsibilities are,
– teaching in the Digital Humanities curriculum in Basel

Your profile
– Excellent knowledge of research methods in the corresponding field
– Excellent analytical and writing skills
– Flexibility and the capacity to learn quickly and to work both independently and in collaboration with others
– Project-oriented organizational skills
– Communication and teaching skills
– Genuine interest in interdisciplinary research environment
– German as research language, excellent knowledge of English

Specific requirements are,
– outstanding and highly motivated candidate with an excellent Master degree
– knowledge of data modeling and ontology design, API implementation
– knowledge of scientific databases, interest in IT structures

We offer
– Research-intensive scientific environment in an interdisciplinary team and network
– Workplace: Basel
– Salary: in accordance with SNSF/Unibas regulations
– The position starts on February 1st, 2021 and is limited to a period of four years

Interested applicants are invited to a CV including list of publications and all relevant documents and a statement of research interests (2 – 3 pages). Application material should be sent before October 15th, 2020.
Interviews with shortlisted applicants will be held on November 9th and 16th, 2020.
For further information please contact Peter Fornaro .

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