



# PhD position in History

## 100%, fixed term, four years

### **Project "Voicing the News, Voicing History. Songs, Ballads and Broad-sheets as Vocal Media in Early Modern Germany and Switzerland"**

The Department of History at the University of Basel, Switzerland invites applications for a four-year PhD position in History. The position is scheduled to begin in May, 2019.

#### **Your position**

The successful candidate will be member of the research group "Vocal Power. Vocality in Early Modern Media and Politics", funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and directed by Prof. Dr. Jan-Friedrich Missfelder. The project explores the political, cultural and social functions of voice in 17th and 18th century politics, society and media practices in the German speaking lands. It particularly investigates the role songs and ballads had to play in the establishment of an early modern media landscape and the vocal agency of street singers, heralds, towncriers, orators and preachers as in the process of shaping the early modern public sphere. Within this general frame the holder of the PhD position will be pursuing an individual research project on the representation of news and actualities and, respectively, the construction of history in songs and ballad broadsheets.

#### **Your profile**

The successful candidate is expected to hold a university degree (MA or equivalent) in History (or a related discipline). Good knowledge of German and English and experiences in the field of early modern history are essential. Interest in early modern media and communication history is a plus but not a necessary requirement. The candidate is expected to take residence in Basel during their contracts.

#### **We offer you**

The Department of History at the University of Basel provides excellent research and employment conditions in a stimulating academic environment. You pursue your dissertation project within a collaborative framework, affiliated as a member of the Basel Graduate School of History. Travel and other research expenses relating to the research projects will be covered by the Swiss National Research Foundation.

#### **Application / Contact**

The University of Basel is committed to increasing the number of women in its scientific personnel and warmly encourages well-qualified women researchers to apply. As application please submit the following documents

- CV and publications
- Diplomas/MA certificates
- Letter of motivation explaining your suitability for the position
- Scientific writing sample (max. 10 pages)
- Names and addresses of two possible referees to be contacted by the University of Basel

Applications may be submitted until February 22, 2019 in German or English, to the candidate's preference. Only applications submitted through this recruitment system will be considered.

For additional information about the positions please contact Dr. Jan-Friedrich Missfelder ([j.missfelder@unibas.ch](mailto:j.missfelder@unibas.ch)), [www.geschichte.unibas.ch](http://www.geschichte.unibas.ch) [www.unibas.ch](http://www.unibas.ch)