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The South Asia Institute was founded in 1962 as an interdisciplinary centre for research and teaching on South Asia. It deals with the countries Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The South Asia Institute combines - for the first time and uniquely in Germany - social and economic sciences and geosciences with historically and philologically oriented cultural studies.

In the **Department of South Asian History** of the South Asia Institute at the Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, seeks to fill **two**:

### **Phd Positions in History (f/m/d)**

part-time 65%

Two PhD positions have been funded by the DFG to research the importance of anticolonial sonic mobilization in British India, specifically focusing on the role of songs and slogans. The timeframe for the project is the interwar period, particularly the early 1930s.

#### **Profile:**

- Candidates should have above-average grades in a university degree (master or equivalent), with a major in modern South Asian history
- Excellent communication skills, including writing, in English and in at least one South Asian language is essential, as the project will draw extensively on vernacular materials
- Advanced skills in historical methodology and theoretical knowledge of sound studies, and some archival experience, preferably in South Asia, is an advantage
- As doctoral student, you are expected to write a dissertation in an area related to the research interests of the DFG research project, “A Sonic Approach to Anti-Colonialism in British India”
- Engage in the History Department’s various activities, potentially also mentoring and tutoring Masters and Bachelors students (up to 3 hours per week during term times, approximately 28 weeks per year)

#### **We offer:**

- A three-year fixed-term contract
- A set budget to support archival access



- Working cooperatively in a small and supportive team environment
- Academic mentorship
- An interdisciplinary research environment
- Access to one of the finest South Asian library collections in Europe, in the CATS Library
- Training in multisensory historical methodology as necessary
- A shared office in the South Asia Institute
- Membership of a vibrant PhD community

The salary is based on the collective bargaining agreement of the German federal states (TV-L E13).

Please e-mail in English your CV, a motivation letter, including a project concept; a writing sample submitted during your Masters program, or published since; all relevant university transcripts and names and contact information of two referees, as a single PDF to the Chair of the Department of History, Prof. Dr. Kama Maclean, as single PDF file to the address [history@sai.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:history@sai.uni-heidelberg.de). The deadline is **September 15, 2023**.

Heidelberg University stands for equal opportunities and diversity. Qualified female candidates are especially invited to apply. Persons with severe disabilities will be given preference if they are equally qualified. Information on job advertisements and the collection of personal data is available at [www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/job-market](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/job-market).

For further information about the project, please read through the project website: <https://www.sai.uni-heidelberg.de/history/projects/dfg-en.php>