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A post-doc researcher in Religious studies and/or Philosophy of Religion (Euregio Science Fund project “Resilient Beliefs”)

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Workplace Description

The [Center for Religious Studies](#) focuses on the role of religion (communities, practices, beliefs, institutions and other religious actors) in contemporary processes of societal change and innovation triggered by digitalisation, migration, increasing cultural diversity, belief polarisation and disagreement.

FBK actively seeks diversity and inclusion in the workplace and is also committed to promoting gender equality.

Job Description

The postdoc researcher will contribute to the research activities of the project “Resilient Beliefs: Religion and Beyond”, funded by the Euregio Science Fund. In particular, the successful candidate will be involved in

- analysing recent debates on religious disagreement and religious diversity in analytic philosophy and religious studies;
- reviewing and analysing recent literature on dogmatism and belief polarisation from social and cognitive psychology;
- contextualising the debates on religious disagreement and belief polarisation within the long-standing dispute over the viability of ‘religion’ as a category of scientific and scholarly inquiry.

The postdoctoral researcher will co-author papers, participate in relevant international conferences and produce single-authored publications on aspects of the Resilient Beliefs project of their choice. Moreover, the selected candidate will participate in the life of the Center for Religious Studies and will be involved in the conceptualisation and organisation of:

- project meetings,
- project workshops,
- the final project conference,
- dedicated panels for international conferences,
- project dissemination activities,
- proposals for successor projects.

The successful candidate will be based in Trento (Italy).

Job Requirements

- PhD degree (or equivalent doctorate degree) in Philosophy, Religious Studies, Social Psychology or Sociology as well as a documented research background in at least two of the following areas:
 - religious diversity,
 - sociology of religious conflict,
 - definitions of, and debates over, the concept of religion,
 - social psychology of belief polarisation in the religious domain;
- oral and written proficiency in English (command of German and/or Italian is welcome, but not required);
- excellent communication and teamwork skills.

Employment

Type of contract: Fixed term contract

Working hours: full time

Duration: 2 years

Start date: 2 May 2022

Gross annual salary: about 39.500 €

Workplace: Trento (Italy)

Benefits: flexi-time, company subsidized cafeteria or meal vouchers, internal car park, welcome office support for visa formalities, accommodation etc., supplementary pension and health fund, training courses, public transport, sports facilities, language courses fees. Further details at <https://www.fbk.eu/en/work-with-us/>.

Application

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications by completing the online form (<https://jobs.fbk.eu/>). Please make sure that your application contains the following attachments (in pdf format):

- cover letter,
- detailed CV including list of scientific publications and email contacts of two referees,
- sample writing (10-20 pages (in English, Italian or German, published work or thesis chapter).

Application deadline: 11 February 2022

Please read our [Recruitment Regulations](#) before completing your application.

For further information concerning the selection procedure, please contact the Human Resources Services at jobs@fbk.eu. For questions regarding the project “Resilient Beliefs”, please contact Dr Paolo Costa (pacosta@fbk.eu) or Dr Boris Rähme (raehme@fbk.eu).

Candidates who pass the preliminary screening will be contacted shortly afterwards for an interview.

Non-selected applicants will be notified of their exclusion at the end of the selection process.

Please note that FBK may contact shortlisted candidates within a period of 12 months, for the selection processes of similar vacancies.

For reasons of professional transparency, the name of the successful candidate and the names of suitable candidates will be published on the FBK website.