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The Center for Advanced Study "[RomanIslam Center for Comparative Empire and Transcultural Studies \(Early Islam\)](#)", funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), invites applications for

## Resident fellowships (Post Doc) (starting 1.4.2024, duration 2 to 8 months)

The Center for Advanced Study brings together scholars from a wide range of disciplines working on Romanization and Islamization in Late Antiquity with a focus, but not exclusively, on the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa during the first millennium CE. The overall aim of the Center is to explore new approaches to Romanization and Islamization in this period and to set the scholarly debate in this field on a new footing. The theme of the Center's upcoming last year is **'The Entanglement of Islamization, Urbanisation, and Trade'**. Welcome are proposals that connect the previous annual themes of the Center so as to explore the regional settling down of the respective imperial modes on a comparative, intercultural level. Annual themes comprise: Imperial Structures and Representations; Imperial Religion versus Local Beliefs; Transforming Cities; and Architecture and Materials of Prestige. A particular accent on theoretical or methodological issues that can foster comparison between the Late Roman and Early Islamic empires is also appreciated.

Depending on funding, fellowships are available for scholars at all stages of their academic career who have completed their doctoral degree and established an independent research profile. Applicants should be engaged in a research project in any discipline related to the Center's interests in the comparison between the Roman and Islamic empires and their successor states, and transcultural approaches of Romanization and Islamization in the said period and area.

Fellows are required to reside in Hamburg where they pursue their own research project while also participating in the activities held at the Center. For the duration of their stay fellows receive a remuneration covering accommodation, travel, and living expenses in accordance with their needs and the pertinent regulations of Hamburg University and the DFG.

Applications should be in English or French and include a CV, a research proposal for the project to be pursued at Hamburg including its relation to the Center's agenda (2000 words), and a statement on the intended length of stay (between 1.4.2024 and 28.2.2025). All materials should be sent in a single pdf to Katharina Mewes [katharina.mewes@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:katharina.mewes@uni-hamburg.de) by **January 12, 2024**.