

The Institute of Czech Literature of the Czech Academy of Sciences announces a public tender to fill the following position:

Researcher in the Department of Literary Theory (part-time, 0.5 FTE)

The Department of Literary Theory is searching for a researcher who focuses on the theory and poetics of literature and/or comparative literature, with an emphasis on the approaches of intermedia and media studies. Intermedia research in the department deals mainly with the examination of literary forms and its internal changes of in relation to other media, as well as methodological contributions of the inter/media approach to literary studies, and changes in the way literature is read within media cultures. Research in the department is currently directed towards 1) the examination of experimental literature in a media-comparative and developmental perspective, and 2) the transmediation of literary works from both synchronic and diachronic perspectives (the cultural continuity expresses itself as well as the subversion of tradition).

Job description:

The successful applicant will be expected to participate actively in the research activities outlined above, with respect to team-driven research and discussions of methodology, as well as individual scholarly writing within the framework of current and ongoing intermedia research within the department

Minimum requirements:

- Doctorate or postdoctorate degree no more than five years after completing studies in literary studies or related field with a focus on the theory and poetics of literature
- Ability to develop intermedia and media research methods for studying literature, with an interest in interdisciplinary overlaps
- Ability to compare theoretical paradigms and (European) literary traditions
- Willingness to help prepare and promote scholarly conferences, and active participation in scholarly events held at the institution
- Individual authorship of publications in the field (commensurate to the stage of the applicant's professional development)

- Completion of a longer study stay abroad is an advantage
- Advanced knowledge of English and Czech (or other Slavic language) allowing for active participation in spoken and written scholarly discussions in these languages; knowledge of other languages is an advantage

We offer:

- The environment of the largest research institution in the field of literary and Czech studies
- 25 days of vacation + 3 days sick leave
- Board allowance and contribution to social security (pension insurance, Flexi Pass)
- Language courses
- Discounts on books at the Academia bookstore
- Flexible working conditions, including the possibility of working from home anywhere in the Czech Republic
- Possibility of applying for accommodations at the Czech Academy of Science
- Possibility of placing preschool-age children in daycare at the Czech Academy of Science

Working conditions:

- We are searching for a part-time employee (0.5 FTE) 20 hours / week
- Starting date is 1 April 2025, or later by agreement
- Contract is fixed-term with the possibility of extension

Please send applications, including a motivation letter, brief outline of near-term scholarly objectives (maximum 2 NS), and a structured academic CV to kariera@ucl.cas.cz.

Application deadline: 7 March 2025.

The selection procedure will take place in two rounds. The ICL of the CAS reserves the right to invite only selected candidates to a personal interview and to choose not to select any candidate.



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By responding to this ad or by sending your CV and other personal materials to the Institute of Czech Literature of the Czech Academy of Sciences, you give your consent to the processing of your personal data in accordance with the General Regulation on the Protection of Personal Data 2016/679 (GDPR). This consent can be revoked in writing at any time after the selection process has been completed.

