



Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Our Institute has the opportunity to offer the following positions

- **a researcher (BAT-O IIa)**
- **a PhD Grant**
- **a Postdoctoral Grant**

Starting early 2005.

The grants are to be awarded in the context of the following research programme:

Department I 'Integration and Conflict' headed by Prof. Dr. Günther Schlee

Integration and conflict are central points of reference for the analysis of the interaction of ethnic groups and states. The construction, meaning and communication of identity offer an important field of research within this frame of reference. The analysis of descriptions of the self and the other in processes of peaceful and violent interaction and, in particular, the development of identities in confrontations with other groups, are at the centre of this research program. Description and analysis of conflict mechanisms also play an important role here. The regional foci of this research project are West Africa, Northeast Africa and Central Asia. Further background information concerning these projects and our Department can be found on our homepage: <http://www.eth.mpg.de>.

The BAT-O IIa Position is for three years (with the possibility of a two-year extension). BAT-O IIa Positions are open to scientists who have completed their doctorate within the last ten years.

The Postdoctoral Grant is for two years (a one-year extension is possible for foreigners). Postdoctoral Grants can only be awarded to scientists who have received their doctorate within the last ten years. The grants are not taxed and are free from social security stipulations.

A PhD Grant is generally awarded for 2 years, with the possibility of two six-month extensions. We expect our PhD students to complete a yearlong period of fieldwork as part of their studies.

The Max Planck Society is committed to raising the proportion of women in under-represented fields; we thus explicitly encourage applications by women. Individuals with disabilities will be given priority, assuming equal qualifications.

Applications should include the standard documentations and a project resume.

I) Standard documentation includes:

- a cover letter
- a CV including a list of publications
- a project resumé (two to five pages; also two alternative ideas may be considered)
- photocopies of university degrees
- 2-3 referees, whom Prof. Schlee may contact

II) The main regional foci are in West Africa, Northeast Africa and Central Asia. However, other areas in the world will be considered if the suggested project fits particularly well into the thematic field of our Department.

III) There is no application form to be fill out.

VI) Applications could be submitted by email as well.

Final selection will be made following interviews in early 2005. Please send applications and the names of two referees (whom we may contact for confidential references) to the following address before **January 31st 2005**:

Max-Planck-Institute for Social Anthropology, Personnel Administration, P. O. Box 11 03 51
D – 06017 Halle/Saale or email to zeng@eth.mpg.de.