



**FONDAZIONE BRUNO KESSLER (FBK)**

**Trento - Italy**

**RECRUITMENT OF 10 RESEARCHERS  
FOR THE CENTRO PER GLI STUDI STORICI ITALO-GERMANICI**

The Centro per gli Studi storici italo-germanici / Italienisch-deutsches historisches Institut is a historical research institute. It is an emanation of the Trento-based Fondazione Bruno Kessler, a foundation which promotes research in various disciplines.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit the site of the Foundation in order to learn more about the nature and activities of the Center (<http://isig.fbk.eu>).

**RESEARCH PROJECT**

Within the context of its newly adopted 2011–2013 activity program, the Centro per gli Studi storici italo-germanici launches a 3-year project of research on the following topic: **“Transition as a historiographical issue. The phases of the critical development of «modernity» 1494–1973”** under the coordination of the Director of the Center, Prof. Paolo Pombeni ([http://isig.fbk.eu/it/paolo\\_pombeni](http://isig.fbk.eu/it/paolo_pombeni)).

The project focuses on the theme of ‘transition’ as a major category of interpretation of the passages that have remodeled what may be defined in general terms as “modernity”, i.e. the period extending roughly from Renaissance humanism to the turning point of the 1970s. A detailed description of the project and its various subdivisions can be found in the document “Project\_Transition as a historiographical issue”

([http://isig.fbk.eu/sites/isig.fbk.eu/files/Project\\_Transition\\_historiographical\\_issue.pdf](http://isig.fbk.eu/sites/isig.fbk.eu/files/Project_Transition_historiographical_issue.pdf)).

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

For said research project, applications are being accepted for **10 postdoctoral research fellowships**. In compliance with the agreement on the process of stabilization of research personnel within the humanities department concluded on August, 5, 2010, between the Fondazione Bruno Kessler and trade unions, four of the aforementioned positions will be reserved for members of the staff of the Centro per gli Studi storici italo-germanici.

Researchers’ activities will be inherent to the aforementioned research project.

Vacancies are open to Italian and foreign scholars who fulfill the following **essential requirements**:

- PhD in history or in a related subject;
- relevant professional experience acquired at Italian and/or international historical research centers;
- fluent spoken and written knowledge of one of the following languages: Italian, German, English; passive knowledge of one of the other two languages;
- track record of scientific publications in historical and/or cognate disciplines.

The following are **desirable requirements**:

- additional specializations;
- experience in project coordination;
- participation as a speaker in conferences in Italy or abroad;
- translating experience;
- teamwork skills.

Since the languages used in the workplace will be Italian, German, and English, applicants must have fluent spoken and written knowledge of one of these three languages as well as passive knowledge of one of the other two languages. In the event that a successful applicant should not have sufficient passive knowledge of one of the other two languages, he/she shall agree to attend an intensive course (at the Foundation's expenses) aimed at filling the gaps in his/her knowledge of that language.

Interested candidates are invited to e-mail their application to the following address: [jobs@fbk.eu](mailto:jobs@fbk.eu), quoting reference code ISIG\_2010 in the subject line and attaching the following documents (if possible in Portable Document Format) to their e-mail:

- curriculum vitae (which should include personal data and authorization to process it as per Legislative Decree no. 196 of 2003 and subsequent amendments);
- a cover letter;
- a list of publications and (if possible) electronic copies of such publications (whenever electronic copies are not available, hard copies must be sent to the following address: Unità Sviluppo Personale, Servizio People Innovation – Fondazione Bruno Kessler, via Sommarive 18, I - 38123 Trento. The date of the postmark will determine whether you have met the deadline);
- a synopsis of the applicant's research project (min. 7,000 - max. 15,000 characters);
- certification of language skills;
- any other relevant document (for instance: applicants may supply the names of two scholars working in the same field whom the Committee may contact at its discretion to obtain references).

**All applications must be submitted by midnight on October, 25, 2010, at the latest.**

#### **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

The Selection Committee appointed by the Director of the Center, Prof. Paolo Pombeni, will be composed of the three following scholars: Prof. Roberto Bizzocchi ([http://isig.fbk.eu/sites/isig.fbk.eu/files/CV\\_Bizzocchi.pdf](http://isig.fbk.eu/sites/isig.fbk.eu/files/CV_Bizzocchi.pdf)) and Prof. Andrea Graziosi ([http://isig.fbk.eu/sites/isig.fbk.eu/files/CV\\_Graziosi.pdf](http://isig.fbk.eu/sites/isig.fbk.eu/files/CV_Graziosi.pdf)), are Italians, the third, Prof. Reinhard Stauber ([http://isig.fbk.eu/sites/isig.fbk.eu/files/CV\\_Stauber.pdf](http://isig.fbk.eu/sites/isig.fbk.eu/files/CV_Stauber.pdf)), is German.

After having examined the curricula vitae and the supplied documentation, the Committee will draw up a short-list of applicants who will be called for an interview.

The individual interviews will be held on the premises of the *Fondazione Bruno Kessler*, in *via S. Croce 77 – Trento* ([http://www.fbk.eu/it/getting/humanistic\\_hub](http://www.fbk.eu/it/getting/humanistic_hub)), on November 25, 26, and 27, 2010. The applicants will be free to choose whether their interview will be conducted in Italian, German, or English.

Subject to prior request and approval by the Foundation, interviewees coming from abroad will be eligible for a lump-sum reimbursement of their travel expenses (second-class train ticket / economy-class plane ticket).

The Committee will judge candidates according to their professional experience, their scientific publications, and the individual research project outlined during the interview.

Prospective candidates are hereby informed that, subject to agreement with the Director of the Center, the individual research projects of short-listed applicants may be reoriented within the context of the future research activities.

In addition, selected candidates will be invited to fill out a questionnaire regarding aspects of professional behavior and style relevant to the advertised position.

Candidates who are not short-listed for an interview will be notified in due time of the negative outcome of their application.

Due to FBK's attempt to promote equal opportunity and gender balance, in case of equal evaluation, female candidates will be given preference.

Once the selection procedure has been completed, all (successful and non-successful) candidates will be sent a personal notification of the outcome of their application.

For a period of six months, FBK reserves the right to draw on the short list of candidates for the recruitment of researchers to similar positions.

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

Successful candidates will be offered a fixed-term employment contract as researchers of the third-wage category (gross salary: 37.800,00 euros per annum [indicative amount]) for the duration of three years starting January 2011. Terms and conditions of this contract will comply with those of the "Contratto collettivo provinciale di lavoro per il personale delle Fondazioni<sup>1</sup>" (= Provincial collective labor agreement for Foundations' personnel as defined by provincial law no. 14 of August, 2, 2005) as well as with any applicable individual labor law provisions.

#### **Benefits**

The Fondazione Bruno Kessler is committed to the continuous improvement of the system supporting international mobility. By way of example and without any pretense to exhaustiveness, the Foundation offers a range of services that facilitate research and are geared towards enhancing the quality of working life by promoting reconciliation between work and family. Such services include:

- a welcome office [http://risorseumane.fbk.eu/it/international\\_visitors](http://risorseumane.fbk.eu/it/international_visitors);
- discount deals (eg. banks, transport, sport, accommodation);
- internal projects regarding gender and the reconciliation between work and family life <http://risorseumane.fbk.eu/it/sviluppo/audit>;
- facilities: choice between an internal canteen (meals at FBK's expense) and meal vouchers; internal car park;
- the possibility for foreigners to attend Italian language courses and for Italians to attend English courses.

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<sup>1</sup> URL: [http://risorseumane.fbk.eu/sites/risorseumane.fbk.eu/files/CCPL\\_Fondazioni\\_28\\_09\\_07.pdf](http://risorseumane.fbk.eu/sites/risorseumane.fbk.eu/files/CCPL_Fondazioni_28_09_07.pdf)  
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