

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) is one of the largest universities in Germany. Thanks to its location in the Rhine-Main science region, the university can unfold to its full potential and showcase its innovative power and dynamism. Its status as a comprehensive university allows for multidisciplinary learning and teaching and has great potential for internationally renowned, interdisciplinary research. Almost all of its institutes are located on a single campus close to the Mainz city center – creating a lively academic culture for researchers, teaching staff, and students from every continent.

**Comparative Literature | Gutenberg Institute for World Literature and Written Media | Faculty 05:
Philosophy and Philology | Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz**

Academic staff member

Postdoc (full-time/100%) or Praedoc (part-time/2x 50%)

The Department of Comparative Literature in Mainz stands out by its distinct focus on questions of the internationalization/globalization of literature (focus on world literature) as well as on media-comparative approaches (including current issues of contemporary media culture/digital media), while being dedicated to the fundamental questions of the discipline (focus on literary theory). The advertised position is assigned to the chair (W3) of “General and Comparative Literary Studies” (Allgemeine und Vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft), which is newly held by Univ.-Prof. Dr. Irina Rajewsky since April 2022. Applicants are expected to cover the field of General and Comparative Literature in teaching at BA and, if applicable, MA level on a theoretically sound and sufficiently broad basis. At the same time, they should have a strong interest in media-comparative approaches and be willing to contribute to the development of the focus area ‘Comparative Arts and Media’ (Medienkomparatistik) promoted by Prof. Rajewsky.

The Department seeks to employ either a full-time (100%) postdoc or two part-time (2x 50%) praedocs.

Your tasks:

- Supporting the chair in research and teaching in the field of Comparative Literature/Comparative Arts and Media.
- Research in the field of Comparative Literature/Comparative Arts and Media with the aim of “Habilitation” or equivalent achievements (postdoc) or doctorate (praedoc).
- Sharing the tasks of academic self-administration and assuming other tasks in the department of Comparative Literature (incl. examination and assessment; course guidance/student counselling; contributing to planning and realizing national and international workshops, conferences, etc.).
- Independent teaching of courses in the field of Comparative Literature: two courses at BA and/or MA level (postdoc) or one course at BA level (praedoc) per semester.
- Collaborating on designing and further developing the curricula of the Comparative Literature programs offered in Mainz (incl. e-learning strategies).
- Postdoc applicants in particular: Collaborating on applying for and implementing third-party funded research projects; establishing national and international research networks.

Your profile:

In addition to the general requirements according to public services law, applicants must meet the recruitment requirements stipulated in § 57 of the *Hochschulgesetz* of Rhineland-Palatinate.

Candidates are required to...

- have achieved a university degree in the field of the humanities, preferably in Comparative Literature or a related subject, with outstanding results.
- Postdoc applicants: have received a doctoral degree/PhD in Comparative Literature, in other areas of literary studies, or in a related discipline in the field of the humanities/media and cultural studies (provided that they can demonstrate substantial competence in the field of literary studies) with outstanding results.
- propose an innovative research project with the aim of “Habilitation” or equivalent achievements (postdoc) or doctorate (praedoc) in Comparative Literature/Comparative Arts and Media, preferably related to the research interests of the chair.
- exhibit commitment to teaching and advising students.
- be willing and able to cover in teaching the basics as well as the historical and systematic range of Comparative Literature as a discipline to an appropriate degree.
- be willing to delve into new areas of research within the field of Comparative Literature/Comparative Arts and Media.
- exhibit organization, communication and social skills; work well in a team.
- have an excellent command of German at native-speaker level and a very good command of English.

Preference will be given to candidates with...

- a very good command of at least one further language.
- a substantial knowledge of literatures in at least two different languages.
- a strong interest in systematic and theory-oriented approaches to literary studies.

- familiarity with recent approaches to literary/cultural/media theory and topical issues in the field of Comparative Literature.
- a strong interest in the field of Comparative Arts and Media, i.e. in questions of mediality and materiality, intermediality, transmediality, multimodality and related topics.
- a strong interest in contemporary media culture and in current debates on digital/digitally networked media and processes of digital transformation.
- very good editorial skills (editing, proofreading, setting, layout).

Post-doc applicants should...

- be familiar with the basics and recent debates in the context of comparative arts and media studies (including, but not limited to, studies in inter- and transmediality).
- be experienced in teaching at university level.
- be experienced in implementing interdisciplinary projects in teaching and/or research.
- be experienced in applying for third-party funding and putting respective projects into practice.
- be experienced in editing academic publications.

What we have to offer:

- a varied job in a dynamic and challenging academic environment, with a variety of opportunities for interdisciplinary and international cooperation and networking
- the opportunity to take an active part in shaping and realigning the profile of Comparative Literature in Mainz
- a team that highly values close cooperation and mutual exchange
- active promotion of young academics in the Comparative Literature department, extensive early career programs and human resources development offers at JGU Mainz
- flexible working time arrangements
- Jobticket, optional for the entire Rhine-Main area

The position is paid according to **EG 13 TV-L** and to be filled on **01.04.2023**, initially limited to a period of three years.

The position serves the purpose of academic qualification ("Habilitation" [i.e., postdoctoral lecturing qualification] or equivalent achievements for postdocs; doctorate for praedocs).

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz is diverse and welcomes qualified applications from people with varied backgrounds. We aim to increase the number of women in the field of research and teaching and therefore encourage female researchers to apply. Candidates with severe disabilities and appropriate qualifications will be given priority.

To apply, please submit **one pdf file including** a cover letter, a C.V., a list of publications and courses taught (if applicable), transcripts (including "Abiturzeugnis" or equivalent certificate), and a research statement of max. 3–5 pages for an existing or proposed research project (postdoc: "Habilitation" or equivalent project; praedoc: doctoral project).

In addition to the above-mentioned documents, please submit **as a separate pdf file** your dissertation (if applying as a postdoc) or your master's thesis or an equivalent thesis (if applying as a praedoc) including the respective assessment reports. Further, you may add a published article in support of your application in another pdf file.

Applications should be received by **February 13th, 2023**, via email to irina.rajewsky@uni-mainz.de and to the office of the Department of Comparative Literature of the Gutenberg Institute for World Literature and Written Media (cc': instavl@uni-mainz.de), indicating the identification number **00123-05-wiss-ml**.

Please state in the subject line of your email whether you are applying as a postdoc or as a praedoc, and also include „postdoc“ or „praedoc“ in the file name of your application pdf.

For questions and further information please contact Prof. Dr. Irina Rajewsky by e-mail: irina.rajewsky@uni-mainz.de.

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