

The Museum Association for Lower Saxony and Bremen e.V. (Museumsverband für Niedersachsen und Bremen e.V., MVNB) is looking to hire a

Research assistant (m/f/d) for provenance research

full-time for 24 months at the earliest possible date.

As part of the joint project "*Colonial collections from Indonesia in Lower Saxony. A German-Dutch-Indonesian Intertwined History*", the origin of human remains, ethnographica and natural history specimen in seven museum and university collections in Lower Saxony (Brunswick, Göttingen, Hanover, Hildesheim, Oldenburg, Emden) is to be investigated. The project is coordinated by the MVNB in cooperation with the Network for Provenance Research in Lower Saxony and cooperates with the Dutch consortium "Against Opacity" and project partners in Indonesia.

Job description:

- Basic research on the provenance of relevant colonial collections from Indonesia in Lower Saxony from a comparative perspective and with the involvement of experts from the Netherlands and the regions of origin
- Research on the provenance of human remains as well as ethnographic and natural history objects in the seven participating museum and university collections in Brunswick, Göttingen, Hanover, Hildesheim, Oldenburg and Emden
- Reconstruction of biographies of the Indonesian, Dutch and German actors involved
- Organisation of an international conference in cooperation with experts from the Netherlands and Indonesia, supported by the MVNB and the Network for Provenance Research in Lower Saxony
- Documentation of the results in form of an interim and final report
- Documentation and publication of the results as part of a conference volume in the Network for Provenance Research series on arthistoricum.net (<https://books.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/arthistoricum/catalog/series/vnnpn>)
- Documentation and multilingual publication of the researched collections in the PAESE database (<https://www.postcolonial-provenance-research.com/datenbank/>) and possibly in the Dutch DataHub Collections from Colonial Contexts (<https://app.colonialcollections.nl/en>)
- Opening a dialog with relevant partners about the future handling of the human remains and objects to be researched

Job specification:

- Degree in ethnology, cultural anthropology, history or similar
- Proven experiences in provenance research on collections from colonial contexts and in cooperation with experts from regions of origin
- Familiarity with the German and Dutch archival landscape and material culture of Indonesia
- Knowledge of Indonesian colonial history
- Willingness to travel within Lower Saxony and beyond, relevant experience in source and archive work
- Knowledge of current discourses regarding collections from colonial contexts, interest in interdisciplinary cooperation and sensitivity for the ethical, historical and political significance of the task
- German language skills are required, Dutch language skills are desirable, Indonesian language skills are beneficial

The place of work is Hanover.

Remuneration is based on salary group 13 TVL.

Please send your complete application documents (cover letter, CV, certificates, professional references) by 2 June 2024 in electronic form (PDF) to: annekathrin.krieger@landesmuseum-hannover.de.

Applicants with a severe disability or applicants who are equivalent to this group of people will be given priority if they have the same qualifications.

For further questions regarding the job advertisement, please contact Annekathrin Krieger (annekathrin.krieger@landesmuseum-hannover.de).

All application documents will be destroyed three months after completion of the application process.