



Leibniz-Institut für  
Europäische Geschichte

The [Leibniz Institute of European History](#) (IEG) in Mainz is a research institute within the Leibniz Association. It conducts and supports research on early modern and contemporary European history and is engaged in furthering the digital humanities.

The IEG is seeking to fill a position from 01.05.2024 as

### **Research associate (m, f, x)**

for the project

»Documenting Russia's war against Ukraine: The challenges of living archives for historical knowledge production (LivArch)«

(for a period of 36 months, German pay grade TV-L EG 13)

The project »Living & Realtime Archives« is funded by the Leibniz Association as part of the »Cooperative Excellency« program.

The war in Ukraine has led to three significant changes in historical research: the emergence of new types of community-driven archives, the real-time generation of archival material, and the increased reliance on digital sources due to the inaccessibility of physical archives. LivArch aims to address these challenges, investigate digital preservation practices and establish forms of shared authorship between scholars, activists as archive creators and the many voices behind the testimonies that constitute the archive. A transnational collaboration, LivArch identifies ethical challenges, develops new epistemological concepts and reflects on the impact of digital archiving on historical research.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- Co-development and preparation of a register of ongoing projects in Ukraine
- Classification of projects on living archives
- Risk assessment of living archives based on various parameters (openness, ethics, etc.)
- Development of strategies to mitigate these risks
- Conceptualisation and implementation of virtual workshops (public, internal)
- Documenting and reporting of project results
- Willingness to contribute to the further development of the institute

We would also like to see a willingness to transfer research results to a broader public.

### **Your profile**

- Completed studies in the historically oriented humanities (at least MA)
- International research orientation
- Very good written and spoken English, ideally knowledge of German
- Experience in the field of research data in the historically oriented humanities, proven by publications
- Experience in the field of global history

- Experience with living archives, proven by publications
- Very good knowledge of digital archives and the impact on historical practices
- Confident in using digital communication tools
- Knowledge of or willingness to familiarise yourself with software such as ticket systems (Gitlab), file sharing (Seafile) and video/audio editing
- Knowledge in the field of digital publications

### **We offer**

- Training and development opportunities in a renowned research institute
- The opportunity to sharpen and expand your academic profile
- Becoming part of an international and interdisciplinary team
- A creative and motivating working environment in the field of the Digital Humanities

### **Applications**

Please send your application (including CV, transcripts, list of publications) via email to the Leibniz Institute of European History ([bewerbung@ieg-mainz.de](mailto:bewerbung@ieg-mainz.de)) **by 13.03.2024**, stating reference number WMA-LivA-2024; all documents should be submitted in a single file (PDF).

The IEG promotes professional equality between women and men and is committed to reconciling work and family life. Women are particularly encouraged to apply.

Candidates with severe disabilities and appropriate qualifications will be given preferential consideration.

The IEG is strongly in favour of non-discriminatory selection practices and invites applications from people who will make our institute even more diverse.

If you have any questions regarding content, please contact Thorsten Wübbena ([wuebbena@ieg-mainz.de](mailto:wuebbena@ieg-mainz.de)), Head of the Research Group Digitality in Historical Research | DH Lab. For all other questions, please contact the Human Resources Department ([personal@ieg-mainz.de](mailto:personal@ieg-mainz.de)).