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Application as Postdoctoral Researcher

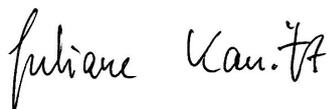
Dear Prof. Dr. Vertovec PhD, dear Prof. Dr. Koenig,

in me you will discover an experienced and committed field researcher who is working on her habilitation on relations of religious actors in urban contexts. This work is based on a three years research project in Berlin, Hamburg and Munich, located at the FEST in Heidelberg. For one I would love to include more data from the framework of the project "ENCOUNTERS". Furthermore I am determined to contribute my expertise in intensive research, mixed methods and multi-sited ethnography in different cities. Additionally, my writing experience in an interdisciplinary team will provide me with valuable expertise for further publications at the MWI and MPI.

In my dissertation, I have illustrated the spatial impact of cultural differences on the basis of the fashions of migrant Muslim women. In collaboration with DITIB expert Theresa Beilschmidt (Univ. of Gießen), I acquired profound insights into the national contexts of religious organizations. During a yearlong research stay in Syria I deepened my business fluency in Arabic. I sharpened this skill as an employee of the Embassy of Lebanon. Also my Russian and French language skills will surely serve the purpose of the advertised position.

I am driven by the wish to continue my work as a researcher at an excellent research institute like the MPI, with further international collaboration, e.g. for conferences in Delhi and Paris and for publications. Also I am eager to work more on applications for third-party funding, where I am experienced thanks to an research project on urban religion in France. Therefore I will be more than happy to have the opportunity to introduce myself personally.

Yours sincerely,



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