



Call for Post-Doc within ERC Project

« *GlassRoutes*: Mapping the First Millennium Glass Economy »

Post	Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Institute	CNRS, IRAMAT- Centre Ernest Babelon, Orléans, France
Contract type	2 years in the first instance (extensions possible +2)
Salary range	the net annual salary will be indexed on the postdoctoral researcher scale
Expected start date:	01.02.2016 or as soon as possible thereafter

Applications are invited for 1 postdoctoral research position within the project “GLASSROUTES: Mapping the first Millennium Glass Economy” (no. 647315), funded by the European Research Council, and coordinated by Dr Nadine Schibille.

GLASSROUTES is a 5-year project that explores the production, trade and consumption of glass as a major economic activity in the medieval Mediterranean (4th to 12th centuries CE). It focuses on various parallel developments: Byzantine glassmaking, Islamic plant ash glass, and the role of the Iberian Peninsula. Through a combination of analytical, historical and archaeological approaches, this project aims to identify major chronological and geographical trends in the flow of resources and ideas in relation to the manufacture and (artistic) use of glass. It adopts a large-scale perspective to establish the socio-cultural and geopolitical dimensions of the medieval glass economy and to shed new light on the economic and cultural connectivity of the medieval Mediterranean.

An experienced postdoctoral researcher is sought to develop the sub-project on glass from the medieval Iberian Peninsula, in particular in relation to the Project’s research strands of production, trade & exchange, and consumption. Specifically, the postdoctoral researcher will be responsible for the implementation of the sub-project’s scientific tasks and general goals, which focus on what type of glass was used in medieval Iberia (4th to 12th centuries CE), what was it used for, how does it change over time, and how do these developments relate to the wider world. How does this contribute to and reshape our understanding of the Mediterranean connectivity during the early medieval period?

It is expected that the candidate is highly motivated and engages in advanced research within both the specific sub-project and the overarching research scheme. The successful candidate will have a PhD in a relevant field with an interest in cultural, social and/or economic history; some experience in the analysis of archaeological material is desirable.

Duties and main responsibilities

- To engage in advanced research (theoretical and field research, analytical studies) within the field of the medieval glass economy in Iberia in accordance with the work plan;
- To disseminate research through publications in scholarly high impact journals (open access), participate in international conferences and seminars, and through other media;
- To participate in the organisation and administration of the sub-project, including the procurement of archaeological glass for analyses;
- To help develop and maintain a network of collaborations;
- To attend regular team meetings;
- This post involves some traveling to Spain and other countries related to the project.

Person Specification

Applications will be judged against the criteria set out below. Applicants should make sure that their application shows very clearly how they believe that their skills and experiences meet these criteria.

The successful candidate will demonstrate the following:

- Hold a doctorate in a relevant field (e.g. history archaeology, medieval studies ...);
- Primary expertise in an area, period, or aspect of the archaeology, history and/or visual & material culture of the medieval Iberian Peninsula broadly defined;
- A commitment to research of the highest standard, including the capacity to publish in international journals and with major presses in the field;
- Excellent command of relevant language skills and experience with source material;
- Fieldwork experience is desirable;
- Practical experience in the study of archaeological materials and experience in some form of instrumental and/or chemical analyses is desirable;
- Ability and willingness to undertake organisational and administrative responsibilities;
- Good communication, interpersonal and organisational skills, attention to detail and the ability to work successfully in a team are required;
- Fluency in English is essential.

Working at IRAMAT

The project is carried out at the Institut de Recherche sur les Archéomatériaux (IRAMAT) Centre Ernest Babelon at Orléans (France) and the postdoc will be employed by the CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research). The research may be performed in other locations if deemed necessary for reaching the project's goals and with the authorisation from the PI.

Duration of the contract

The contract will start on 1st February 2016 or as soon as possible thereafter. This is a full-time position for the duration of 2 years (24 months) in the first instance, but may be extended, depending on the progress of the project and the assessment of the PI.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted by 12 noon (CET) on Friday 15th January 2016.

The following documents in ENGLISH should be sent as PDFs by email to the PI (nadine.schibille@cnrs-orleans.fr)

- Letter of motivation (max 2 pages)
- Detailed CV
- Copy of PhD certificate (the PhD degree must have been obtained before the application deadline)
- 1-2 relevant sample publications (max 20 pages each)
- Research proposal (max 2 pages), specifying how the candidate intends to approach the project
- Names and contact details of **three** referees

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For further information, please contact nadine.schibille@cnrs-orleans.fr