

*The University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE) - one of the youngest universities in Germany - is located in the heart of Europe, in the middle of the Ruhr metropolitan region. We are one of the youngest universities in Germany and think in terms of possibilities, not limitations. In the heart of the Ruhrregion, we develop ideas of the future at our 11 faculties. We are strong in research and teaching, live diversity, support potential and are highly committed to an educational equality that has earned this name.*

The University Duisburg-Essen (Campus Essen), Faculty of Humanities, Historical institute, offers a position as

**Postdoctoral researcher (f/m/d) at universities  
(Salary equivalent to TV-L 13)**

**Your responsibilities:**

Cooperation in the research project “Atlantic Exiles: Refugees and Revolution in the Atlantic World, 1770s–1820s”. The research project is funded by an ERC Starting Grant, directed by Professor Jan C. Jansen and hosted by the University Duisburg-Essen.

“Atlantic Exiles” explores comparatively the large-scale refugee movements set off by the revolutions in North and South America, France, and Haiti. Based on case studies from the Caribbean and the American continent, the project sets out to show that political migrants and refugee movements were at the very core of major transformations that the Atlantic world underwent during these decades. The project recasts the Caribbean as one of the world’s major receiving and transit region for refugees during this period, and it provides the first systematic combination of Atlantic history with the nascent research field of refugee history. In addition, it sets the findings from the Atlantic world into the context of the global history context of involuntary migrations. The project includes four sub-projects carried out by the PI, one Postdoc and two doctoral researchers. The postdoctoral position will work on one of three regional case studies, focusing on Kingston and the British Empire (sub-project 1), Havana and the Spanish Empire (sub-project 2), and Philadelphia and the early United States (sub-project 3), respectively. For more information on the project, its lines of inquiry and sub-projects, visit <https://www.atlantic-exiles.eu>.

**Mission and Activities:**

- to contribute to the accomplishment of an ambitious research project by conducting independent and coordinated research in a team;
- to work closely with the project leader, Prof. Jan C. Jansen, in the administration and direction of the project;
- to conduct archival research on one of the project’s sub-projects, specializing in a British Caribbean, Spanish American or US American case study (sub-projects 1-3); applicants need to identify one sub-project for which they wish to submit their application;
- Guidance for project-associated doctoral researchers and research assistants;
- to write single-authored scholarly texts, present research outputs at academic conferences, and contribute to the organization of research dissemination events.

**Your benefits:**

The successful candidate will receive social security benefits. Budget for archival travels, conferences, etc. is available. Team members will be integrated into a young, dynamic, and internationally well-connected research environment.

**Your profile:**

- completed (or close to completion) doctorate in history, or related discipline in the humanities and social sciences;
- sufficient knowledge of the languages and areas relevant to the sub-project (US American, Spanish American or British Caribbean case study);
- excellent spoken and written English;
- international academic experience (study, research, conferences etc.) and/or experiences with digital history methods are an asset;
- proven ability in archival research;

- commitment to teamwork, excellent communication skills, and reliability to meet deadlines.

**Start of position:** 1 April 2021

**Contract period:** 3 years (renewal of 1 year possible)

**Working time:** 100 % of a full-time position

**Application deadline:** 07.01.2021

The University Duisburg-Essen aims at promoting the diversity of its members  
(s. <http://www.uni-due.de/diversity>)

The University Duisburg-Essen has been awarded for its effort to promote gender equality with the "Total-E-Quality-Award". It aims at increasing the share of women in the scientific personnel and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply. Women will be preferentially considered when equally qualified according to the state equality law.

Applications from disabled or equivalents according to § 2 Abs. 3 SGB IX are encouraged.

Applications and inquiries with reference code **785-20** should be addressed to:

Prof. Dr. Jansen  
University Duisburg- Essen  
Faculty of Humanity,  
45117 Essen

**Applications must include:**

- 1) letter of motivation, identifying one regional sub-project and specifying applicant's qualifications to carry it out (max. 2 pages);
- 2) CV (max. 2 pages);
- 3) outline of how applicant plans to carry out and develop one of the three regional sub-projects (sub-projects 1-3) into a second book project (max. 3,000 words, including references),
- 4) electronic copy of PhD thesis
- 5) diplomas/certificates (including official transcripts), and
- 6) names and contact information of two academic referees.

Please submit all documents in a single PDF to [atlantic-exiles@uni-due.de](mailto:atlantic-exiles@uni-due.de).

For further information and questions regarding the positions and the research project please contact the principal investigator Prof. Jan C. Jansen at [jan.c.jansen@uni-due.de](mailto:jan.c.jansen@uni-due.de).

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