



**Stamp
Seals** from the
**Southern
Levant**

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**Job opening – Postdoc 80%, University of Bern, 24 months (Jan. 2022 to Dec. 2023) –
«The Distribution of Stamp Seal Motifs in the Southern Levant»**

Application deadline: May 15, 2021, 24:00 CET

Stamp Seals from the Southern Levant is an interdisciplinary, collaborative and multi-site project focusing on ancient stamp seals as a key medium for the study of second-to-first millennia historical entanglements in the Southern Levant (see CSSL factsheet 2.1 for further details). It engages a board of directors and an international team of postdoc researchers and PhD candidates, an ICT expert, student assistants and draftspersons as well as other technical staff based at the Universities of Bern, Tel Aviv and Zurich. The project, financed by the Swiss National Foundation, has started in January 2020.

Your responsibilities

The database of the «Corpus of the Stamp-seal Amulets from the Southern Levant» (CSSL) provides a large iconographic dataset that allows extrapolating places, regions and epochs where and when particular motifs came up or remained popular, when they changed in style or material or when their production and consumption ceased or reemerged after a hiatus. Closely tied to such observations are questions of production, diffusion and consumption, site- or region-specific iconographic profiles, socio-economic networks or node points connecting the symbol systems of neighboring societies and cultures.

Diachronic assessment of iconographic motif corpora and/or single iconographic 'strains' and the temporal and spatial visualization of their distribution patterns will be of prime importance for this research track, leading to a new systematization and to a reevaluation of previous scholarly works that addressed the iconography of the Southern Levant.

The successful candidate will pursue the above research questions—preferably focusing on the 1st millennium BCE—at the University of Bern under the joint supervision of Stefan Münger and Silvia Schroer.

Your profile

You hold a finished PhD, based on a (preferably published) thesis of exceptional quality in Ancient Near Eastern archaeology or a related field. Previous academic engagement with glyptic studies (or a related class of artefacts) is required, as is excellent command of English, interest and skills in Digital Humanities and an approach to the research questions



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addressed above that gives equal attention to data, methodology (data description and analysis), theoretical sophistication and historical resolution.

We offer

A varied, international and stimulating work environment at the Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Bern, project related research seminars as well as active participation in international workshops and conferences. The University of Bern encourages gender equality and diversity and is committed to balance career and personal development. Salary is according to SNSF and local regulations.

Place of work

Institute of Jewish Studies, Länggassstrasse 51, 3012 Bern, Switzerland

Start of employment

01.01.2022

Application

Please submit your application via e-mail as one PDF document in English (cover letter, research statement, cv, copies of relevant degree transcripts, list of publications) to stefan.muenger@theol.unibe.ch.

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