

Two Doctoral or Post-Doctoral Research Contracts in Medieval Hebrew Paleography (F/H)

HIRING DATE 01/11/2025

LOCATION 14 COURS DES HUMANITÉS - MAISON RECHERCHE NORD -
CAMPUS CONDORCET 93322

SCHOOL École Pratique des Hautes Études - PSL

WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND CONTEXT

Notre établissement fait partie de l'Université PSL. Située au cœur de Paris, celle-ci fait dialoguer tous les domaines du savoir, de l'innovation et de la création. Classée parmi les 50 premières universités mondiales, elle forme au plus près de la recherche des chercheurs, artistes, ingénieurs, entrepreneurs ou dirigeants conscients de leur responsabilité sociale, individuelle et collective.

HOSTING STRUCTURE

The doctoral candidates will prepare their doctorate at the prestigious Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, PSL, Paris, France, in the Section des Sciences Historiques et Philologiques. In addition, they will be affiliated with the research cluster EA 4116 - SAPRAT-Savoirs et pratiques du Moyen Âge à l'époque contemporaine (<https://www.saprat.fr/>).

TEACHING MISSION

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We invite doctoral/post-doctoral proposals on individual topics within the following broader fields:

Paleography 1: “Medieval Hebrew Liturgical Manuscripts: Between France and Germany”

Paleography 2: “The Mishnah, the Talmud and their Commentaries: Codicology, Paleography and Book History”

The École Pratique des Hautes Études, PSL-University in Paris, France, is inviting candidates for two Doctoral / Post-Doctoral scholarships in the field of Hebrew Paleography and Manuscript Studies. The successful candidates on a doctoral level will prepare their doctorate at the EPHE, PSL, under the supervision of Professor Judith Olszowy-Schlanger and will join the team led by her in the framework of the ERC Synergy project MiDRASH (Migrations of Textual and Scribal Traditions via Large-Scale Computational Analysis of Medieval Manuscripts in Hebrew Script). On a post-doctoral level, candidates will work part time on a monograph on the following topic and part-time on the implementation of the palaeographical annotations of the digital Hebrew Paleography Album (HebrewPal) (<https://www.hebrewpaleography.com/>).

They will attend one weekly research seminar and coorganize/participate in an annual conference in Hebrew Manuscript Studies at the EPHE.

Founded in 1868, EPHE, PSL is a leading French institute of advanced studies. Its Humanities' sections include ancient and medieval Jewish Studies. The EPHE is a pioneer and a leader in the fields of Hebrew paleography and codicology.

ERC-Synergy programme MiDRASH is composed of four teams led respectively by Daniel Stökl Ben Ezra (EPHE, PSL), Judith Olszowy-Schlanger (EPHE, PSL/Oxford), Nachum Dershowitz (Tel Aviv-University), Avi Shmidman (Bar Ilan University), in collaboration with the National Library of Israel and Haifa University. Its overall aim is to advance our understanding of the literary, textual and manuscript production processes in Ancient and Medieval Judaism by applying computational methods to transcribe and analyse thousands of medieval Hebrew manuscripts. For a brief presentation of the project please check <https://escripta.hypotheses.org/500>

SKILLS

Essential qualifications:

For doctoral candidates:

- **Master degree in Hebrew and Jewish Studies (to be completed before 15 July 2025)**
- **Training / interest in medieval Jewish history and Manuscript Studies**

For post-doctoral candidates:

- **PhD (doctorate) in Hebrew / Jewish studies of the medieval period (to be completed before the start of the position)**

Required competencies:

- Excellent knowledge of Hebrew
- Excellent writing skills in English and preferably knowledge of French
- Some experience with / knowledge of databases
- Excellent organisation and sense of responsibility
- Capacity to work in a team

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Paris, France. The students will benefit from shared MiDRASH office space at the Campus Condorcet. They are expected to be physically present in the office for at least one day a week.

Conditions of remuneration for doctoral students' contract are defined by the decree of 26 December 2022, which can be consulted at: <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000046820745> and for post-doctoral researchers by the decree of 4 November 2021, which can be consulted at: <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000044293348>

NON DISCRIMINATION, OUVERTURE ET TRANSPARENCE

Notre établissement, comme l'ensemble de l'Université PSL, s'engage à soutenir et promouvoir l'égalité, la diversité et l'inclusion au sein de ses communautés. Nous encourageons les candidatures issues de profils variés, que nous veillerons à sélectionner via un processus de recrutement ouvert et transparent.

HIRING PROCESS

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview (in person or by Zoom) in May.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Send (as a single PDF file with your name and MiDRASH, specifying the field Paleography 1 or Paleography 2):

- Covering motivation letter (1 page maximum)
- Doctoral / post-doctoral project (5 pages maximum including bibliography)
- CV
- List of publications (if any)
- Official transcript of Master results / a proof of a doctoral degree
- Sample of a written work (c. 15 pages)
- Two letters of recommendation from senior academic figures

To: Judith Olszowy-Schlanger at the address: judith.schlanger@ephe.sorbonne.fr and to Athina Boleti at the address: athina.boleti@ephe.psl.eu by 30 April 2025 Midnight, Central European Summer Time at the latest.

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Contact: For further information, please contact Judith Schlanger, judith.schlanger@ephe.sorbonne.fr

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OTHER INFORMATION

Recherche principal : **Études juives** Recherche secondaire : **Paléographie**
Durée du contrat 3 years with the possibility of extending for further 6 months in Year 4

Experience years
Niveau doctorant (R1) an

Reference
MIDRASH

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