



The University of Zurich invites applications for a

# **Professorship for Africa – Europe in the Long 20<sup>th</sup> Century (open rank)**

The position should be filled by 1 August 2027.

Depending on the qualifications of the appointee, the professorship will be filled as a full professorship, associate professorship or assistant professorship with tenure track.

The applicant is expected to have a proven focus on the history of sub-Saharan African societies and their complex relations with Europe and the world. The research and teaching of the professorship should cover the period between the late 19th and early 21st century encompassing colonialism, the decolonization phase and the post-colonial era. The professorship will be responsible for establishing the new research field Africa – Europe in the long 20th century at the Department of History, with a focus for example on the history of armed conflicts, cultural, economic, environmental history or history of gender, labour, migration, and politics. In addition to the focus on Africa's relations to Europe, research perspectives on South-South relations and the asymmetrical Africa-Asia connection are also welcome.

In addition to innovative research in the subject area, we expect the successful candidate to participate in interdisciplinary collaborations with other professors at the Department of History, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and with national and international institutions.

Candidates must hold a PhD degree at the time of application and have an excellent and internationally visible record of academic achievements in African History. Depending on the status at the time of application, a second book or advanced research in the history of Africa – Europe in the long 20th century is expected. Teaching languages are English and German. Non-German speaking candidates are expected to acquire a professional knowledge of German within the first three years of their appointment.

The Department of History, the University of Zurich and Zurich as a university location offer a stimulating research and teaching environment with opportunities for professional exchange and cooperation. The University of Zurich is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes candidates of all backgrounds.

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## **For further information**

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**Applications must be submitted online by 13 January 2026. Access and information about the online application can be found at [www.phil.uzh.ch/jobs.html](http://www.phil.uzh.ch/jobs.html).**