



**Ernst Herzfeld Award**  
for Master Theses  
in Islamic Art History and Archaeology

**Call for Applications**  
Deadline November 30, 2023

The **Ernst Herzfeld-Gesellschaft für Islamische Kunst und Archäologie** | **Ernst Herzfeld Society for Studies in Islamic Art and Archaeology** is pleased to announce the 2023/24 call for the *Ernst Herzfeld Award for Master Theses in Islamic Art History and Archaeology*. The aim of the Award is to encourage and support emerging scholars in Europe who are working on visual and material culture of Islamic countries in the fields of Art History, Archeology, and Historical Building Research. The Ernst Herzfeld Award highlights the diversity and innovation of current research in these growing fields. The successful candidate is honored at the annual colloquium of the Ernst Herzfeld Society, offered a full travel grant to present her/his master thesis at the colloquium, and is granted publication of the presented paper in the series of the Society, *Beiträge zur Islamischen Kunst und Archäologie* (BIKA).

**Eligibility:**

- Outstanding master thesis (MA, Master, M.phil., and similar) on a topic situated within the research fields of History of Islamic Art and Architecture, Islamic Archeology, or Historical Building Research on Islamic Architecture.
- The thesis must have been written and supervised at a European university. Reviewing and grading the thesis must have taken place within the last two years, between January 1, 2021 and November 30, 2023.
- Accepted languages of the thesis are: German, English, French, Italian, and Spanish.
- A thesis can be submitted only once to an Award Call.

**Application procedure:**

- An applicant is proposed by the supervisor of the MA thesis.
- Applications include: 1) the complete MA thesis as it was submitted to the university (PDF); 2) a summary in English (5 pages); 3) the recommendation form filled out by the proposing supervisor in English; and 4) the original official review/evaluation of the thesis for/by the university, at which it was submitted.

**Review Procedure:**

- The review procedure is jointly organized by the Award and the Steering Committees as well as the Advisory Board of the Ernst Herzfeld Society.
- Proposing supervisors are excluded from the review procedure and the peer-review.
- Applications fulfilling the criteria of eligibility will undergo peer-review by the Award committee and by external reviewers.

**Submission:**

Please send the complete application by November 30, 2023 to [award@ernst-herzfeld-gesellschaft.com](mailto:award@ernst-herzfeld-gesellschaft.com)

The recommendation form to be filled out by the proposing supervisor is available here:

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