

# Vacancy for a Research Fellow

## Anthropology of markets/exchange

Max Weber Stiftung, Delhi, is looking for

### **a post-doctoral research fellow.**

The post shall begin earliest on 1 February 2025. It is a fixed-term vacancy, which following the successful completion of a probation period of 6 months, would end after 2 years, with the possibility of receiving an extension of the position for another 4 years (2+4 years).

Max Weber Stiftung is a public-funded, German humanities and social science research foundation with institutes and branch offices in North America, Europe, and Asia. It was established in India in 2014 to engage in Indo-German collaborative research in the humanities and social sciences and to provide support to Indo-German research networks and collaborations in these fields. In India, MWS has developed a strong research profile in the history and anthropology of markets as part of its “Economy and Knowledge” focus area. It promotes both interdisciplinary and transnational approaches in research on the South Asian region.

The research fellow will independently undertake research projects situated in the anthropology of markets and exchange in South Asia, with a special emphasis on the Bay of Bengal littoral states and area. The potential to widen research on the topic to other areas in the Indian Ocean region is an added advantage. Within the broad field of markets and exchange, we are particularly looking for research projects covering agricultural markets/exchange. Emphases on one or more of the following topics constitute added advantages – intermediation, speculation and entrepreneurial decision-making, standardization, and certification.

For more information on our research activities, please check: <https://mwfdelhi.hypotheses.org>

The fellow will report directly and be accountable to the Director, Max Weber Stiftung, Delhi.

Tasks shall include but not be limited to the following:

- Carrying out a research project independently
- Participating in academic activities of Max Weber Stiftung, Delhi
- Dissemination of research results through lectures, workshop organization/participation, and publications in formats with scientific quality assurance
- Collaboration with research partners in joint research initiatives
- Undertaking other research related tasks as necessary and as agreed with the Director

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

- Ph.D. degree in Anthropology
- Experience in conducting ethnographic research
- Experience in carrying out research projects independently
- Knowledge of the German and international research landscape would be an added advantage but not essential
- Experience in disseminating research output nationally and/or internationally

The starting salary would be INR 1,56,780 based on the salary scheme of the Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany in New Delhi.

The successful candidate will be employed by Max Weber Stiftung, which is a family- friendly, equal opportunity employer dedicated to fostering workplace equality for men and women. In our selection procedures, we carefully consider the individual interests of all applicants. Where candidates are equal in terms of suitability, competence and professional performance, we fill the advertised position in accordance with the Federal Equal Opportunities Act (Bundesgleichstellungsgesetz) and, in the case of persons with a significant disability as defined in German law, in accordance with the Federal Social Code Act (SGB IX). We also work towards redressing existing imbalances, therefore we strongly encourage women to apply and give equally qualified women preference over men. To the extent possible, flexibility of working hours will be considered.

Please send your application with the following:

- 1) Cover letter (1 page), outlining your research experience and academic qualifications
- 2) CV (including a list of publications)
- 3) 3 academic references (the names of the 3 referees along with their affiliations and emails would be sufficient)
- 4) Brief summary of research agenda in the anthropology of markets/exchange
- 5) Project description (maximum 2 pages)
- 6) Copy of Ph.D. degree or a letter from supervisor/department head confirming all requirements for the Ph.D. degree will have been completed at the latest by the commencement of the position.

Please send the above by **email in a PDF format as a single file** with the subject line 'Application for Research Fellow - Anthropology of markets/exchange' by **31 December 2024**. The cover letter should be addressed to Dr Sebastian Schwecke ([vacancy@mwsindia.org](mailto:vacancy@mwsindia.org)). Postal applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted via video-conference on **28-29 January 2025**. Only those candidates shortlisted for interviews will be contacted by **15 January 2025**.

For further information on the Max Weber Stiftung please see the following website: <https://www.maxweberstiftung.de/en/startseite.html>