

## **Call for Contributions: Appeal to Students and PhD Candidates to Participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> jDOG Conference**

**Date:** 20 January – 24 January 2026 (arrival & get-together on 20 Jan / departure on 24 Jan)

**Venue:** Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung, Südliches Schloßrondell 23, 80638 Munich, Germany

**Costs:** No participation fee

**Registration and submissions to:** [jdog.konferenz@orient-gesellschaft.de](mailto:jdog.konferenz@orient-gesellschaft.de)

### **What is the 2nd Conference of the jDOG?**

The jDOG was established last year as a community of students in the fields of Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Assyriology), Near Eastern Archaeology, and related disciplines under the umbrella of the Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft e.V. (DOG). It is dedicated to fostering exchange, collaboration, and networking at an early stage of academic training. Following the great response to the first conference in Marburg (Lahn), the successful format will continue with the second jDOG conference in Munich. It offers a safe and supportive environment for students to present their work, share ideas, and lead practical workshops. Joint activities will complement the program and encourage open dialogue.

### **Who is the Call for Contributions aimed at?**

The call is primarily addressed to students enrolled in Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD programs who wish to gain experience in academic presentation. Workshops by postdoctoral researchers are welcome in justified cases, provided they are tailored to the target group and enrich the collegial exchange of the conference. The conference languages are German and English. Contributions can be submitted in the following three formats:

1. **Presentation** (20 minutes talk + 10 minutes discussion): Introduction of a topic related to the history, culture, script, language, or archaeology of Mesopotamia and surrounding regions (including interdisciplinary approaches). Presentations may be based on work specifically prepared for the conference as well as on summaries of theses or project work.
2. **Poster:** Concise presentation of a project's results, prepared as a scientific poster to be discussed in a dedicated poster session.
3. **Workshop:** Practice-oriented training in methodological, communication, or technical skills. The topic is freely chosen by the workshop leader (e.g. presentation techniques, digital tools, or modern prospection methods).

### **How do I apply?**

If you would like to submit a proposal for a contribution, please send an email to [\*\*jdog.konferenz@orient-gesellschaft.de\*\*](mailto:jdog.konferenz@orient-gesellschaft.de). Your message should include your name, university affiliation, current academic level (Bachelor, Master, or PhD), the type of contribution (presentation / poster / workshop), and an abstract of no more than 300 words outlining the topic, research question, and objective of your submission. If you have any questions, suggestions, or uncertainties about whether your idea is suitable, the organizing team will be happy to assist. The deadline for submissions is **31 July 2025**.