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## Postdoctoral Researcher Fellowship in Meiji era literature and culture in Japan

The “*Modernizing Empires: Enlightenment, Nationalist Vanguard and Non-Western Literary Modernities*” ([NONWESTLIT](#)) Project, funded by the European Research Council, is hiring a full-time 4-year post-doctoral researcher in 19<sup>th</sup> century Japanese literature and culture. The project is a comparative study of cultural reforms, linguistic renewal and literary renaissance movements in three imperial traditions: Russia, Turkey and Japan. It studies the negotiated cultural models in modernization and westernization processes, language reforms and emerging modern literary practices.

### Job description:

- Conduct and publish high-quality research within the framework of NONWESTLIT.
- Co-responsibility in the collection of data, their analysis and interpretation.
- Collaborate closely with other researchers in the project.
- Disseminate results from NONWESTLIT at international conferences and in high-quality academic outlets.
- Participation in research administration and the organization of project's related events (e.g., webinars and workshops).
- The position provides opportunities to advance the candidate's own research agenda within the framework of the project, including research related travel opportunities.
- Starting date: September 2022. One-year contracts, renewable up to four years for the duration of the project (2022-2026).
- The candidate will ideally be based in Bologna, but they can also occasionally work remotely.

### The ideal candidate's profile includes:

- Ph.D. in Comparative Literature or a related field such as but not limited to East Asian and Japanese Studies.
- Experience in comparative methodologies and other methodological qualitative skills and/or quantitative skills in literary studies.
- Former research experience in Digital Humanities is an asset.
- Knowledge of Kanbun and/or Italian is welcome but not required.

**Salary:** Salary scheme of the University of Bologna, Senior Post-doc

### Application procedure:

Apply exclusively through the university of Bologna's HR portal (POL):

<https://personale.unibo.it/pol/welcome.htm?siteLanguage=en>, apply for the call number #64960 under “Research Fellowship (assegnisti di ricerca)” and upload the following documents:

- Curriculum vitae
- Cover letter, Research Statement and contact details of two potential references (all in a single document uploaded under “Publications”)
- Two academic writing samples (no more than 30 pages in English uploaded separately under “Publications”)

Please follow the project website for detailed information about sending your application through the university portal: [https://bandi.unibo.it/ricerca/assegni-ricerca?id\\_bando=64960](https://bandi.unibo.it/ricerca/assegni-ricerca?id_bando=64960)

The deadline for applications is **March 15, 2022**. For other enquiries, please contact Assoc. Prof. Özen Nergis Dolcerocca via email: [ozen.dolcerocca@unibo.it](mailto:ozen.dolcerocca@unibo.it) ; or [nonwestlit@gmail.com](mailto:nonwestlit@gmail.com).

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