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CSC-Tübingen PhD Scholarship Program

2025 application round: prospective PhD positions at the University of Tübingen

Faculty:	<i>Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences</i>
Institute / Section / Subject:	<i>Chair of Economic History, Ph.D. candidate position</i>
Supervising Professor(s):	<i>Prof. Dr. Joerg Baten</i>
About the Supervisor(s):	<i>Research interests: Prosperity development and growth of economies worldwide, long-term development of education, effects of interpersonal violence.</i> <i>Biography: 1997 Doctorate (Univ. München). "Nutrition and Economic Development in Bavaria, 1730-1880". 2001 Professor of Economic History, Univ. Tuebingen.</i>
Specification:	<i>Numeracy in Asia in the Long Run: Roots of the Great Divergence</i> <i>Topic Description: This project examines the long-term human capital gap between the Asian and European regions over the last millennium using newly collected data. It seeks to identify factors contributing to the disparities. The study estimates the quality of human capital in Asia by analyzing elite numerical skills over a long period of time. It will use proxy indicators to measure human capital, because standard indicators of human capital are not available for early periods. The study will analyze both the upper-tier elite numeracy and lower-tier basic numeracy. Recently, the share of rulers for whom a birth year is reported in conventional biographical sources has been suggested as an indicator for elite numeracy. In addition, the age-heaping index will be used as an indicator for basic numeracy of the whole population during the last three centuries.</i>
Degree:	<i>Dr. phil.</i>
Required Degrees:	<i>M.Sc. in the field of Economics or Finance</i>
Language Requirements:	<i>Fluent in English (spoken and written)</i>
Notes:	<i>Econometric skills, proficiency in using the analysis software STATA is required</i>