

PhD position (f/m/d)

Linguistics research group „Uncovering the dynamics of person marking“

The University of Cologne is one of the largest and most research-intensive universities in Germany, offering a wide range of subjects. With its six faculties and its interfaculty centres, it offers a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines and internationally outstanding profile areas, supported by the administration with its services.

“Uncovering the dynamics of person marking: A construction-based approach in historical microtypology” is led by PI Dr. Linda Konnerth at the Institute for Linguistics (<https://ifl.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/en/general-linguistics/people/dr-konnerth/uncovering-the-dynamics-of-person-marking>).

YOUR TASKS

- » Carry out corpus research on a Trans-Himalayan (Sino-Tibetan) language of the South-Central (a.k.a. “Kuki-Chin”) branch spoken in Northeast India with the goal of tracking person forms (primarily inclusive/exclusive) in natural data
- » Conduct fieldwork in Northeast India for the purpose of extending existing corpora
- » Conduct microtypological research on clusivity in the South-Central branch
- » Closely collaborate with other team members of the research project
- » Participate in activities of the North East Indian Linguistics Society (NEILS)
- » Participate in activities of the Institute for Linguistics at UoC

YOUR PROFILE

- » MA degree (or equivalent) in linguistics or a related field in hand by July 2022
- » Interests and comprehensive prior training in corpus linguistics, linguistic fieldwork, typology, historical linguistics, from a functional-typological perspective
- » Knowledge of relevant software such as ELAN, FLEx, or a commitment to acquire this knowledge prior to the start of the project; a desire to explore innovative (computational) methods is a plus
- » Social skills needed to successfully collaborate with language consultants and other important members of the language community, as well as with the research team members
- » Commitment to communicate research results through publications and conference presentations

WE OFFER YOU

- » an engaging & international collaborative research group
- » funds for field research including equipment are provided; some funds for conference travel
- » a diverse and fair working environment
- » support in reconciling work and family life
- » flexible working time models
- » extensive advanced training opportunities
- » occupational health management offers
- » local transport ticket at a discount for UoC employees
- » opportunity for remote work

The position is available from 01.08.2022 on a part-time basis (65%). The position is to be filled for a fixed term until 31.07.2025, it is renewable by one year. If the necessary prerequisites required by civil service law as well as the sought-after personal qualifications are met, the salary will correspond to the pay grade 13 TV-L State civil Service Remuneration Regulation of North Rhine-Westphalia (LBesO A NRW).

The University of Cologne is committed to equal opportunities and diversity. Women are especially encouraged to apply and will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from people with disabilities / special needs or of equal status.

Please send your application with proof of the sought-after qualifications (cover letter detailing research experience and motivation, CV, course transcripts, two writing samples, names and contact information of two referees) by email with the reference number Wiss2203-32 to linda.konnerth@uni-koeln.de.

The application deadline is 01.05.2022.

If you have any questions, please contact

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