



The University Research Priority Program (URPP) on Language and Space at the University of Zurich invites applications for the position of a

Postdoctoral Research Fellow (75% FTE)

The URPP explores the interface between language and space with regard to (a) the embedding of speech in the spatial environment as shaped by perception, motion and action (“interactional spaces”) and (b) the distribution of languages and linguistic structures in geographical and social space (“language areas”). The URPP combines insights from dialectology, typology and interactional linguistics. The vacant position is located in the URPP research group interactional linguistics.

The postdoctoral research fellow will develop his or her own profile and research agenda in coordination with the URPP board and the members of the URPP within the field of interactional spaces research, for example with respect to issues of multi-modality of face-to-face interaction, the relationship between architecture and interaction or the production and simulation of virtual interactional spaces in digital (or: computer-mediated) communication. The postdoctoral research fellow is also expected to participate in applications for third-party funding, to be active in the advancement of the core areas of research within the URPP and to collaborate with the linguistic labs (particularly with the VideoLab), in which cutting-edge technology is employed to collect, process and analyze linguistic data. The position includes teaching responsibilities (a maximum of 2h/week).

Applicants must have a PhD in linguistics and independent research experience in the field of empirical interactional linguistics research (collection and analysis of audiovisual data). Applicants are expected to be interested in the interdisciplinary advancement of theories in the area of language and space. The candidate is also expected to have a keen interest in collaborating with linguists of the other backgrounds represented at the URPP. Apart from English, applicants must have a good command of German or be ready to acquire this during the first six months after taking up the position.

Applications should include a statement of interest (letter of motivation), a description of the research you would like to pursue (3 to 5 pages), a CV including a list of publications, a copy of the PhD certificate, and the names and addresses of two referees. Applications should be sent as a single PDF file to info@spur.uzh.ch, with the subject “Application PostDoc”.

Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2016. The position is available from September 1, 2016, but might be filled later. The duration of employment is initially limited to two years.

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