



Postdoctoral researcher in the area of Language and (digital) Space and Place (100%)

The University Research Priority Program (URPP) 'Language and Space' at the University of Zurich (UZH) combines insights from dialectology, typology, and interactional linguistics with geography in order to explore the interface between language and space with regard to two major domains:

- a) the distribution of languages and linguistic structures in geographical and social space
- b) the embedding of speech in the spatial environment and in place making as shaped by perception, motion, and action

Your responsibilities

We are seeking a postdoctoral researcher on a 2-year, full-time contract to pursue independent research in the domain of language and (digital) space and place, ideally with a link to geography. Possible directions of research include, but are not limited to:

- tracing and modelling the emergence and construction of spaces and places and their various dimensions (e.g. social, interactive, technological) in communication
- investigating the pragmatic dimension of (interactive) communication across multimodal spaces, in particular finding traces of interaction in digital communicative spaces
- modelling the diffusion of linguistic innovation in online media and exploring their relationship to geographic space
- exploring spatial references in digital spaces as potential places

The postdoctoral researcher is expected to contribute to the interdisciplinary research activities of the URPP, establish an innovative strand of research related to the aims of the URPP and collaborate with the URPP's Language and Space Lab. The position includes teaching responsibilities (a maximum of 2h/week).

Your profile

We are looking for a highly motivated, ambitious, original thinker who will add a new facet to the URPP's research landscape. Applicants must have a PhD in a field of research related to the aims of the URPP, i.e. a branch of linguistics or geography. Experience in their field of specialization as documented by pertinent publications is a prerequisite. Applicants should be able to carry out independent research and pursue their research with determination and demonstrated openness to interdisciplinary exchange. They are expected to be experienced in empirical methods of linguistic research, ideally with some experience in GIS methods or methods of human geography and social sciences.

What we offer

We offer excellent working conditions at a world-leading university, a competitive salary, travel budget, a stimulating, well-connected environment, support in personal and career development, and Zurich's high quality of life.

Application

Applications must include a statement of interest (letter of motivation), an outline research plan based the research directions proposed above (2 pages), a CV including a list of publications, and a copy of the PhD certificate. Applications should be submitted online through the UZH system: [Link](#).

The position is available until filled (**first deadline: August 20, 2022**). Starting date: November 1, 2022, or as soon as possible thereafter. Applications from women and under-represented groups are especially encouraged.

Further Information

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