



**Open PhD position in the area of:
*Conversation Analysis/Interactional Linguistics with a
Focus on Language and Space, Multimodality***

The University Research Priority Program (URPP) Language and Space at the University of Zurich (UZH) seeks to hire a PhD researcher by November 1, 2018.

The URPP Language and Space studies a wide range of phenomena resulting from the complex interrelations between language and space. The URPP focuses both on the ways people anchor their interaction in a specific physical environment (accessible through perception), as well as movement, action and the distribution of language(s) in geographical and social space. Within the Language and Space project, experts from various subject areas (e.g. English studies, German studies, Romance studies, Slavic studies, Sinology, computational linguistics, general linguistics) engage in research collaborations and there is close cooperation between the URPP and the UZH GIScience Center (Geographic Information Systems, <https://www.geo.uzh.ch/en/units/gis.html>). See www.spur.uzh.ch for further information.

The URPP is seeking applicants for a PhD project that will study the relationship between interaction and space, using video and/or eye-tracking data, through methodologies informed by conversation analysis and interactional linguistics.

The PhD candidate will work in the VideoGroup, one of three groups within the Language and Space Lab (the others are TextGroup and GISGroup). In addition to her/his own doctoral research, the successful candidate will also advise and support URPP projects that involve the application of video and eye-tracking technology. In return, we offer an innovative research setting, excellent working conditions, and intensive supervision by an interdisciplinary team.

The successful candidate will have above-average grades, hold an MA or equivalent degree in the field of linguistics, and wish to specialize in the area of multimodal conversation analysis/interactional linguistics. Familiarity with the collection and analysis of video or eye-tracking data is highly desirable. Experience with software for transcription, annotation and management of video corpora is a plus, as is a general interest in cutting-edge methodology for the collection, elicitation and analysis of linguistic data. Applicants must have a good command of German and English or be ready to acquire this during the first six months after taking up the position.

For further questions, please contact Wolfgang Kesselheim, wolfgang.kesselheim@ds.uzh.ch

Please send your complete application (curriculum vitae, a 1-2 page outline of your planned dissertation project, and university certificates or transcripts) as a single PDF document, and with "PhD VideoGroup" as your email subject line, to bewerbungen@spur.uzh.ch by September 23, 2018. The position will start no earlier than November 1, 2018 with an initial contract for two years and the possibility of extension for an additional year.