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1 Doctoral Research Assistant

Promotionsprojekt: Psychopragmatic analysis of problem solving processes

Half position, Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L / 2

The Universität Bremen, FB 10 Faculty of Linguistics and Literary Sciences, currently offers a doctoral position for the duration of **3 years**.

The major research goal in this project is the application and further refinement of an innovative methodology that combines established approaches in cognitive linguistics, discourse analysis, and psychology. The doctoral project is embedded in a wider research context in which this methodology has been developed and applied:

<http://www.wayfinding.uni-bremen.de/>

The method focuses on linguistic representations of cognitive processes in diverse kinds of tasks. It involves identifying systematic patterns in speakers' spontaneous descriptions of their own thought processes while executing cognitively demanding problem solving tasks. By this approach, insights can be gained both with respect to the cognitive phenomena involved, and with respect to their linguistic expression.

In this project, specific problem areas will be addressed in which research based on non-linguistic results so far has led to inconclusive results. The aim is to shed more light on the underlying thought processes involved in problem solving and learning.

The position offers the opportunity to complete a doctoral thesis in relation to the project's aims. The applicant should have a degree in linguistics or in a related field (Anglistik, Germanistik; Magister or Master) and must be a native speaker of either English or German. Strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and an open mind for developing innovative approaches is expected.

The applicant should have qualifications and/or interests in the following fields:

- Linguistic pragmatics and discourse analysis
- Cognitive linguistics / Psycholinguistics
- Cognitive science / Psychology
- Problem solving
- Statistical analysis

The position is available immediately / from **June 2008** for a duration of three years. The application deadline is **May 10, 2008** (or until a suitable candidate is found).

The Universität Bremen is an equal opportunity employer. Women are especially encouraged to apply. Handicapped applicants with equal qualifications will be given preferential treatment.

Please address any questions and send your application (preferably by email) to:

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