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Job vacancy in the Department of Philosophy II at Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany

Research Unit: Prof. Dr. A. Newen

We are offering a full-time postdoctoral position (comparable to an assistant professorship), beginning on 1st April 2015, with a limited tenure of three years, renewable for a further three.

The position is installed to foster the research of young postdocs who have already proven to be excellent in publications. It offers the opportunity to develop one's own research project and research profile in the area of philosophy of mind, language or cognition. For the candidate who would later like to continue their career path within the German system, there will be the possibility to reach the degree of a "Habilitation". Beside the scientific aspects of this position, there is also the assignment to teach two courses each semester. Moreover, the candidate will be asked to engage in some administrative tasks and to strongly support the organization of the Center for Mind, Brain and Cognitive Evolution.

The candidate's research should be connected with some of the current research projects. This includes a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary research in the area of philosophy of mind. Part of the job will be also to support the organization of the Center for Mind, Brain and Cognitive Evolution.

These are some of the current research projects:

Philosophy of mind with the following key aspects:

- Other Minds/Understanding the other
- Self-Consciousness and Theory of Mind
- Animal Cognition: Animals, how rational are they?
- Philosophy of Neurosciences

Experimental philosophy: - The attribution of moral behavior

Preferable but not mandatory for this position is a competency in the area of philosophy of language, e.g. theory of concepts or semantics of singular terms and propositional attitudes.

Candidates who have evidently engaged in some in-depth research in both philosophy of mind with very good knowledge in neurosciences and some expertise in experimental philosophy will be of particular interest for this vacancy. It will be possible, of course, to establish one's own particular area of research.

Requirements: Candidates should have an outstanding PhD in philosophy and, in the ideal case, an additional degree in psychology, cognitive science, linguistics, psychiatry or neurosciences. Some substantial expertise in at least one of these areas will be expected. Furthermore, the candidate must

have teaching experience and at least two papers published or accepted by peer-reviewed journals according to the European Science Foundation (ESF-lists).

Application documents: Please send your application to sekretariat-newen@rub.de

Your application should consist of three PDF files. The first one is to include your personal documents: an outline of your own planned research project of 2 pages, CV, copies of certificates and records, list of your publications, talks, conferences you attended and courses you held; names of 2 referees. The other PDF files to be attached should be your best two publications (must have been published or accepted, if accepted but not published then add the letter of acceptance of the journal).

Deadline of application: 15th of December 2014.

For further information, please contact: Prof. Dr. A. Newen (albert.newen@rub.de)

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Ruhr-Universität Bochum is committed to promoting the careers of women and therefore strongly welcomes applications from female candidates. As an equal opportunities employer, we also encourage applications from suitably qualified disabled candidates and other groups.