

Job Announcement: PostDoc

The project EmDiCom "**Semantics and Pragmatics of Emojis in Digital Communication**" will develop a formal semantics for emojis as a prime example of visual communication within the newly established DFG priority program ViCom ("Visual Communication. Theoretical, Empirical, and Applied Perspectives"). The project is carried out in cooperation between Jun.-Prof. Dr. Tatjana Scheffler (Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany) and Prof. Dr. Patrick Grosz (University of Oslo, Norway). At the Chair of Digital Forensic Linguistics (Scheffler), Department for German Language and Literature of the Faculty of Philology of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum, EmDiCom is looking for a:

Post-doc (m/f/d) with 39,83 hours per week for a period of 3 years (TV-L E13)

to start on 1st September 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Your tasks:

- Independent research on the semantics and pragmatics of emojis in the research project "Semantics and Pragmatics of Emojis in Digital Communication" (EmDiCom).
- Participation in the interdisciplinary DFG priority program "Visual Communication" (e.g. participation in network meetings)
- Planning and conducting linguistic online experiments (acceptability studies, reading time measurements)
- Collaboration on publications and presentations at international conferences
- Supervision of research assistants
- Organization of scientific events (workshops)

Your profile:

- An above-average linguistics PhD is required
- Focus on formal semantics/pragmatics and experience in experimental linguistics
- Willingness to travel to the project partner in Oslo for research visits is expected (up to 6 months in total)
- Knowledge of tools for creating and conducting online experiments is an advantage
- Prior experience working with digital corpora is desirable
- Very good English skills are required, knowledge of German or Norwegian is an advantage

We offer:

- Challenging and varied tasks with a high degree of personal responsibility
- Exciting research on a current topic

- International cooperation with the "Super Linguistics" group at the University of Oslo and within the "Visual Communication" priority program
- A friendly and enthusiastic team at the interface of formal, digital, and computational linguistics
- Employment at one of the largest universities in Germany, part of the University Alliance Ruhr
- Flexibility for working from home
- Extensive opportunities for further education and training

Further information:

Since this position is part of a third-party funded research project, there is no teaching obligation.

Contact persons for further information:

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Interviews are expected to take place via Zoom on July 28 and 29. Travel expenses, accommodation costs and loss of earnings or other application costs for interviews cannot be reimbursed according to the guidelines of the state of NRW.

The deadline of application is July 5, 2022. Applicants should submit a short cover letter including their motivation for the position, a full CV, two sample publications and the names of two potential referees, as a single pdf document. We look forward to receiving your application, quoting "EmDiCom", by July 5, 2022 by e-mail to the following address: malvina.witzki@rub.de