



Research positions for

1 Postdoctoral researcher and 1 Ph.D. student

are available in the research group 'Comparative Cognitive Anthropology' at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics (Nijmegen, NL). The successful applicants will be expected to work on cognitive diversity across human cultures and play a key role in designing, implementing, completing and writing up experiments.

Positions will commence after **1st August 2008**. The Post-doc position is initially available for 2 years (with possible extension for another 2-3 years). The PhD position is available for up to 3 years.

Research Focus: The research group 'Comparative Cognitive Anthropology' represents a collaborative effort between the Max Planck institutes for Psycholinguistics and Evolutionary Anthropology and aims at experimentally studying cognition across diverse human cultures and across all non-human great ape species in order to triangulate what is unique to humans compared to our nearest relatives, *and* universally shared across human cultures. Studies shall focus on the questions about i) the diversity of physical and social cognition across species and cultures, ii) the psychological mechanisms creating and maintaining cognitive diversity and iii) ontogeny of social competence in human and ape infants. The successful applicants will be part of the human section of the project investigating cross-cultural differences and commonalities in cooperation with the Language and Cognition Group at the Max Planck institute for Psycholinguistics.

The Comparative Cognitive Anthropology group provides fully equipped research facilities, field budget, conference travel funds, full technical support and an active and innovative research environment.

Requirements: Applicants for the Post-doc position should have a PhD in Psychology, Biology, Cognitive Science, Linguistics or Anthropology. Applicants for the PhD positions should have a master/diploma or equivalent degree in the previously listed areas. All candidates have to be willing to travel to, and conduct research in remote places in e.g. Africa or South East Asia, including rough working-conditions. Ideal candidates shall have prior research experiences in cognitive psychology, experience with field-research in developing countries (or extensive travel experience) and interest in the research areas of cognitive evolution, cross-cultural differences or cognitive development. Strong statistical knowledge and mastery of foreign languages would be welcome.

Closing date for application: **April 1st, 2008**.

The Max Planck Society is an equal opportunity employer.

Applicants should send their CV, a sample of their writing, and the names and e-mail addresses of at least two potential referees, citing 'Comparative Cognitive Anthropology' to:

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