



Academic staff

A Post-Doctoral Position in Language Contact and Change (f/m/d)

(full-time, E 13 TV-L)

The starting date is **between January 2022 and April 2022**, by agreement. The position is available for two and a half years (30 months).

The position is part of the brand new DFG-funded Research Unit SILPAC (*Structuring the Input in Language Processing, Acquisition and Change*), which aims to build bridges between psycholinguistics and historical linguistics. It is situated in project H4, *Modelling lexical diffusion in syntax: non-finite complementation in Modern English*.

For more background, see <https://silpac.uni-mannheim.de/>.

The University of Konstanz is one of the eleven Excellence Universities in Germany. Since 2007 it has been successful in the German Excellence Initiative and its follow-up programme, the Excellence Strategy. The position will be affiliated with the Department of Linguistics: <https://www.ling.uni-konstanz.de>.

Your responsibilities

- Conducting original research using historical corpora and child language corpora
- Annotating Early Modern English corpora
- Writing up research results for a publication in high-profile journals
- Presenting research at conferences
- Participating in SILPAC group events

Your background and skills

- Essential: A strong PhD in a relevant field (language acquisition, language contact, historical linguistics)
- Essential: Excellent academic writing skills and fluency in English
- Essential: experience in at least two of the following areas: a) historical linguistics, b) syntax, c) corpus linguistics
- Desirable: experience with predictive quantitative models of acquisition
- Desirable: Early Modern English skills

We offer

- An open, motivated research team and interdisciplinary research environment
- Opportunities for further collaboration with local research groups
- Many possibilities to expand and develop your CV
- A competitive salary and a great living environment
- Employment at a family-friendly university

Applications and enquiries should be directed to Prof. George Walkden, george.walkden@uni-konstanz.de.

Application deadline: Friday 19th Nov, 5pm CET.

The required application documents include (1) a cover letter outlining your research background and suitability for the role, (2) a CV with contact details of two academic referees, (3) a list of publications (including work under review or accepted but not yet published), (4) a description of relevant research experience, (5) scans of degree certificates and transcripts of records. Please note that an incomplete application will not be considered.

The University of Konstanz is committed to ensuring an environment that provides equal opportunities and promotes diversity as well as a good balance between university and family life. As an equal opportunity employer, we strive to increase the number of women working in research and teaching. We also support working couples through our dual career programme (<https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/equalopportunities/family/dual-career/>). Persons with disabilities are explicitly encouraged to apply. They will be given preference if appropriately qualified (contact + 49 7531 88–4016).