



## **Job Announcement**

The Department of the Arts and Humanities of the University of Cologne is currently seeking to fill the position of a

### **PhD Position (m/f/d)**

in the Collaborative Research Centre 1252 „Prominence in Language“, subproject B02 “Split case marking and constituent order in East Africa” from **April 01, 2021** until **December 31, 2024** (65%, 25.89 hours/week). Salary is determined following the salary scale E 13 according to German TVL.

The goal of this project is to explore the interaction between split case marking and constituent order in languages of East Africa. In some languages of the region, transitive agents receive differential case marking (‘split ergativity’), while in others subjects are coded differently depending on their position with respect to the verb (‘marked nominative’). This PhD project involves a typological survey exploring the areal and genetic distribution of these case marking systems. The successful candidate will also conduct detailed corpus-based research on selected languages of the Nilotic family with the aim of identifying linguistic features and discourse patterns that condition the variable coding of arguments in these languages. Depending on the candidate’s interests, the position also offers opportunities for linguistic fieldwork.

For more information please visit: [www.sfb1252.uni-koeln.de](http://www.sfb1252.uni-koeln.de)

### **Your tasks**

- Conduct a typological study of split case marking in East Africa
- Conduct corpus-based research on split case marking and constituent order variation in selected Nilotic languages
- Provide scientific and administrative support for the project team
- Option to conduct own field research

### **Your profile**

- Master’s degree in linguistics (or related field)
- Strong academic interests in grammar, discourse, and linguistic diversity
- Good organization skills and ability to work independently

- Good communication skills and ability to work as part of a team
- Good knowledge of English and German (or willingness to learn German)

### **Formal requirements**

- You have earned a university degree.

The University of Cologne is an equal opportunities employer. Applications from women are especially encouraged. Handicapped candidates will be given priority in case of equal professional qualification.

In addition to the usual documents (a cover letter describing the applicant's qualifications and motivation for applying for this position, CV and copies of the relevant university degree(s) including transcripts), please send your Master's thesis or, if it has not yet been completed, if possible two to three preliminary chapters of the Master's thesis as well as two representative term papers. Please do not include a photo with your application.

Please send all documents as a single PDF to:

[application-sfb1252@uni-koeln.de](mailto:application-sfb1252@uni-koeln.de)

**Closing date is January 31, 2021.**

For questions, please contact:

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