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Position in Research Area Syntax and Lexicon

The research area „Syntax and Lexicon“ at ZAS invites applications for a full (100%) position, with a start date of February 1st, 2027 or soon thereafter. This is a fixed term position for the duration of two years. This position is intended for scholars with at most 3 years of academic employment post PhD (excluding periods of parental leave and similar). We are not able to consider candidates at a more advanced career stage.

ZAS conducts research on the human capacity for language and its expression through individual languages. The aim is to gain a better understanding of this central human ability and its biological, cognitive and social factors. By exploring the structures of language, how they are acquired, and how they are processed, this knowledge can also be applied to fields such as speech diagnostics or speech technology. The area investigates the linking of simple lexical units of meaning to build more complex syntactic structures. The research is based on formal theories but is also interested in research infrastructure.

The candidate is expected to hold a PhD in morpho-syntactic theory by time of appointment. Currently, the area focuses on agreement phenomena, the grammar of embedding, parallels in nominal and clausal structure, and the grammar of code-switching and language contact. Expertise in one or more of these areas is welcome. Skills and willingness for empirical validation of data, such as work with corpora or experiments and an interest in under-documented languages, are also welcome.

The responsibilities of the position include research as well as administrative work for ZAS. Acquisition of additional projects within ZAS’s research theme structure is welcome. The position is remunerated according to E13 of the German TVOeD pay scale. ZAS is an equal opportunity employer.

ZAS is certified for ensuring family-friendly working conditions by the audit work and family (berufundfamilie)”. ZAS strives to strengthen gender balance and diversity of staff in all working areas and at all scientific levels. Members of groups traditionally underrepresented in German academic positions as well as in science support positions are particularly encouraged to apply. We particularly welcome applications from people with disabilities. In addition, ZAS strives to implement the principles of Open Science.

Applications must be submitted via electronic mail in a single pdf file to meinunger@leibniz-zas.de by **November, 15** and include the following four items:1) a letter of intent specifying research experience and plans in detail, 2) a CV including a complete list of publications; 3) the names of at least two scholars to be contacted for letters of recommendation, and 4) an electronic copy of a representative publication in pdf-format: name file according to the scheme your_surname_zas.pdf.