

The Emmy Noether Research Group “Understanding and the A Priori”  
Philosophy Department, University of Cologne

seeks to fill

## **1 Postdoctoral Research Fellow Position** (2-year position)

Starting date: 1. September 2010 or soon thereafter

Salary Level: TV-L E13, appr. 37000 – 44000 Euro per year

The Research Group “Understanding and the A Priori” is funded by the DFG (German Academic Foundation) and it is based at the Philosophy Department of the University of Cologne in Germany. It is dedicated to the study of a priori knowledge. The research focus of the group is the study of the cognitive capacity of understanding and its role in a priori justification, the relationship between apriority and necessity, and the methodology of philosophy as a distinctive armchair discipline. The group brings together researchers working in philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, epistemology, metaphysics and analytic phenomenology. For more information on the research project and the activities of the group see: [www.fromthearmchair.net](http://www.fromthearmchair.net).

The successful candidate will be employed and based at the University of Cologne, and will be expected to carry out original work on topics closely related to the focus of the research group, participate in the organization of international conferences, regular workshops and other events, contribute to the supervision of doctoral students, fulfill some administrative duties and be an active member in the academic life of the research group. There are no teaching duties connected to this position. However, the successful candidate might teach seminars for the Philosophy Department if they wish. The working language of the research group is English. The exact length of the appointment will be 23 months.

Candidates must hold a PhD in philosophy, have strong academic qualifications in at least some of the areas covered by the research group, be fluent in English and have good communication and organization skills. We are especially interested in candidates whose areas of specialization and/or competence include epistemology, the philosophy of mind, metaphysics or the philosophy of language.

Applications must include: (1) a cover letter describing the applicant’s research interests and plans, (2) a CV, (3) a sample of written work, (4) two or three letters of reference, which should be sent independently. All application materials should be in English, and formatted as PDF-files if sent electronically. **The deadline for applications is 15. May 2010.**

Applications should be sent by e-mail to: [mbalcerakjackson@me.com](mailto:mbalcerakjackson@me.com), or via regular mail to: Emmy Noether Research Group, Philosophy Department, University of Cologne, Richard-Strauss-Str. 2, 50931 Koeln, Germany.

All enquiries about the position should be directed to Dr. Magdalena Balcerak Jackson: [mbalcerakjackson@me.com](mailto:mbalcerakjackson@me.com)

The University of Cologne is an equal opportunity employer, and we strongly encourage applications from women and under-represented minorities.