

E9 "Materiality and Agency: New Paradigms in the Study of Human Development, Culture, and Cognition" (Thiemo Breyer)

PhD Position in Philosophy

starting January 2018 at the Collaborative Research Center 806 "Our Way to Europe – Culture-Environment Interaction and Human Mobility in the Late Quaternary" at the University of Cologne (subject to the positive decision of the German Research Foundation). The contract will be funded for 3 years with a weekly working time of 23,90 hours (60% position). Payment is based on the German TV-L E13 scale if terms and conditions under collective bargaining law are fulfilled.

Assignments:

The PhD position is embedded in the research project "Materiality and Agency: New Paradigms in the Study of Human Development, Culture, and Cognition". The PhD topic centers around the relationship between mental capacities, action patterns, and material correlates of cultural production (artifacts). It builds on theoretical foundations in the philosophy of mind, embodied cognitive science, and evolutionary anthropology, which are linked to empirical findings in archaeology and anthropology.

Requirements:

Qualified candidates should hold a Masters degree in Philosophy. Excellent knowledge in one or more of the following fields is required: philosophy of mind, phenomenology, philosophical anthropology, action theory. Applicants should also show willingness to engage in intensive interdisciplinary cooperation within the Collaborative Research Center. Basic knowledge of German is recommended but not required.

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

Interested candidates should send their application package (CV; cover letter describing background, training, and research interests; certificates; contact information of three referees) as a single PDF to Prof. Dr. Thiemo Breyer (tbreyer@uni-koeln.de) not later than October 1st, 2017.

The review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.