

**Call for a Post-Doctoral position in Theoretical Linguistics and Psycholinguistics –**  
*Laboratoire de Linguistique de Nantes (LLING, University of Nantes)*

Applications are invited for a post-doc position in theoretical linguistics (syntax/semantics/pragmatics interfaces) and psycholinguistics (heritage language acquisition and knowledge), at the University of Nantes, France.

The position is funded by the FP7 (the European Union's 7th Framework Program for Research and Technological Development) collaborative research project **AThEME** (*Advancing the European Multilingual Experience*) on multilingualism. The project involves 16 institutions located in 8 European countries and runs from March 2014 until March 2019. <https://vre.leidenuniv.nl/vre/atheme/public/>.

The research fellow will join the Nantes Linguistics Lab (LLING) to work on AThEME's WP3 *Heritage languages & language users in the EU*, coordinated by Hamida Demirdache (LLING) & Janet Grijzenhout (Baby Speech Laboratory (BSL), University of Konstanz).

The goal of our project is to experimentally investigate Heritage Language (HL) knowledge and acquisition at the morpho-syntax/semantics interface.

The post-doctoral researcher will be in charge of conducting an experimental study targeting 2<sup>nd</sup> generation (adolescent) HL users of *Arabic* from the Nantes area, to test comprehension (vs. production) of *negative sensitive items* in Arabic.

The successful candidate will have an expertise in both theoretical and experimental syntax/semantics; in particular, of experimental methodologies to probe language comprehension and elicit production data in controlled discourse contexts. Primary duties include working with the coordinators and members of the lab to design, conduct, and write up the experiments associated with WP3. Knowledge of Arabic is an asset, but is not required. Individuals who are prepared to take a lead role in developing experimental research at the syntax/semantics interface are especially encouraged to apply. **The position has a term of appointment of 2 years with a possible renewal.**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A Ph.D in linguistics, psycholinguistics or a related field is required.

**TO APPLY:** A cover letter explaining qualifications for the position, a CV, a research statement, and one or more representative publications or other writings should be sent to the application email address below. Please also arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to that address. Review of material will begin on September 1, 2014 and continue until the position is filled. The (flexible) start date of the postdoctoral position is January 31, 2015.

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