

Open PhD position at the Department for Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum in the Project: Separation Anxiety Symptoms and their Social Situatedness: The Role of Cross Cultural Norms and Differences

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Clinical and social psychology: There are different cultural norms when and how children should show first autonomy and may be separated from their primary caregiver (Schneider & Blatter-Meunier 2019). We will investigate cultural norms and their relation to separation anxiety symptoms in young children. To do so, we not only account for general cultural norms but also determine the individual acceptance of the perceived cultural norms (Margraf et al. 2020). Furthermore, we will relate separation anxiety symptoms to attributes of the education systems (e.g. admission to kindergarten) of several countries (Lavallee et al. 2011). Parents of infants in different European and non-European countries will be invited for the study. Using an online survey approach, we will collect data on stranger anxiety, separation anxiety symptoms, general psychopathology, parenting style, parent anxiety and depression as well as personal and perceived cultural norms about development of autonomy in children. We expect a strong influence of cultural norms (for both, personally accepted norms but also for the general cultural norms) about the development of autonomy on the observation of separation anxiety symptoms.

This project is part of the recent call for 12 PhD-students:

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
12 PHD POSITIONS
AT THE RESEARCH TRAINING GROUP
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3 YEARS: JUNE 2023 TO MAY 2026



Deadline: 31/01/2023
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Call for applications – RTG “Situated Cognition”: 12 PhD positions in Cognitive Science, Philosophy, Psychology, or Neuroscience

The interdisciplinary Research Training Group *Situated Cognition*, funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), invites applications for

12 PhD positions (salary scale TV-L E 13, 65%)

for a three-year structured PhD program. The official legally binding call for applications is available at www.situated-cognition.com

The program and all positions will commence **June 1st, 2023**. The RTG is based at the Department of Philosophy II and the Faculty of Psychology at Ruhr-University Bochum as well as at the Institute of Cognitive Science and the Department of Philosophy at Osnabrück University.

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Albert Newen (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

Prof. Dr. Achim Stephan (Universität Osnabrück)

Prof. Dr. Nikola Kompa (Universität Osnabrück)

All PhD positions are essentially interdisciplinary with an emphasis on one of the subjects involved, i.e. philosophical theory formation, experimental psychology or neuroscience. Applicants have to apply for one of the suggested projects (max. two with indication of preference). In addition, we invite applicants to submit their own original project proposal in one of the theoretical areas, as long as the proposal fits the RTG's guiding idea. Information about the guiding ideas of the RTG and the PhD projects can be found at www.situated-cognition.com.

Preconditions:

Theoretical projects:

Candidates who apply for or suggest a theoretical project are expected to have an excellent M.A., M.Sc. (or Staatsexamen degree) in Philosophy or Cognitive Science. They should have expertise in at least one of the following areas: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Self-Consciousness or Social Understanding, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Action, Philosophie of Artificial Intelligence or Perception. Furthermore, we expect advanced knowledge in at least one of the following areas: Cognitive Psychology, Behavioural Biology or Neuroscience.

Empirical projects:

Those applying for an empirical project are expected to have an excellent M.Sc. (or equivalent) in Cognitive Science, Psychology, Neuroscience or in an equivalent field. The candidate has to prove that she/he is able to work out one of the empirical projects described on our website.

Applications should contain the following documents:

- The application form (please download from our website and fill out)
- A letter of motivation including the applicant's research interests and motivation to work within the RTG. This should include a selection of one (or two) PhD-projects (see <https://situated-cognition.com/projects/latest-projects/>)
- Curriculum vitae
- Copies of degree certificates
- A writing sample (in German or English): the core chapter of the Diploma/Master's thesis or preferably one relevant publication (if available)
- Optional: an outline of an original theoretical project which fits into the RTG's framework (see the RTG-website and the websites of the PIs)

Please send all the required documents in **two** PDF files:

- **One** PDF file containing all the application documents, starting with the application form

- **One PDF file with your writing sample**

We stand for diversity and equal opportunities. For this reason, we favour a working environment composed of heterogeneous teams, and seek to promote the careers of individuals who are underrepresented in our respective professional areas. We expressly request job applications from women. In areas in which they are underrepresented they will be given preference in the case of equivalent qualifications with male candidates. Applications from individuals with disabilities are most welcome.

Applications and inquiries should be addressed to:

Prof. Dr. Albert Newen, Speaker of the RTG

Ruhr University of Bochum

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 31st 2023. All interviews will be held in English.

<https://situated-cognition.com/2022/11/08/call-for-application/>