

**Postdoctoral researcher:
Language contact and language change in Northern China**

Date posted: 03/11/2021

Closing date: 25/11/2021

Overview:

The *Centre de recherches linguistiques sur l'Asie orientale* (CRLAO, Research center on East Asian linguistics, EHESS-CNRS-INALCO) in Paris, France, invites applications for one year postdoctoral research position in the project 'Language contact in Northern China – Historical and Typological perspectives' (LCNC, Programme CE27, ANR 2018) funded by the *Agence nationale de la recherche* (ANR, French National Agency for Research) and coordinated by Redouane Djamouri (CNRS, CRLAO).

The candidate will focus on language contact and morpho-syntactic changes in Northern-Chinese. The successful candidate could be either a specialist of historical linguistics working on Ancient Chinese documents (from the 13th c. to the modern period), or an expert of current dialects and languages in Northern China. She/he will assist one of the senior participants of the project in order to:

- Contribute to a better understanding of the areal diffusion of linguistic changes and to better define the typological characteristics that distinguish the northern Sinitic languages from those of the South of China.
- Investigate the changes observed from a typological and theoretical perspective (in order to be able to define the conditions and structural constraints that make the changes possible).
- Re-examine and enrich current theories and methodologies concerning language contact, in particular questions relating to transfer-induced changes, grammaticalization phenomena and analogical replications also induced by contact.
- Shed light on 'atypical' syntactic facts (difficult to explain by internal changes) in Yuan (13th century) and Qing (17th-19th century) documents and/or in actual Northern dialects.
- Undertake a diachronic study making it possible to trace and describe the morpho-syntactic changes due to contacts with Altaic languages.
- Contribute to a better knowledge of the genealogy of Mandarin dialects

Duration of the position is 12 months.

Starting date is January, 2022 depending on prevailing sanitary circumstances.

Job rank and salary: Post Doc, full-time (100%), net salary c. 2,400 EUR

Workplace: Centre de recherches sur la Linguistique des Langues Orientales, CRLAO, i.e. Research center on East Asian linguistics/ Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, CRLAO, Campus Condorcet, 5 Cours des Humanités, 93322 Aubervilliers, France

Candidates must be able to demonstrate their eligibility to work in France in accordance with the French laws and working conditions.

Qualification

- A recent Ph.D. in linguistics
- Expertise in historical and/or dialectal linguistics in Northern China
- Be highly motivated and able to work independently
- Spoken and written English and Chinese;

How to apply

Please submit :

- CV (with full details of name, address (including e-mail address), present occupation, school and university education, degrees, teaching and research experience, and publications).
- A cover letter describing research goals, and technical and research skills (max. 1 page)
- Certified copy of relevant degree(s)
- Research Proposal including research project details of the expected results, and a brief timetable.
- Two reference letters with contact details.

Applications should be sent electronically to: Redouane Djamouri (CNRS, CRLAO) djamouri@ehess.fr

Deadline for application: **25 November 2021** (Midnight Paris Time)

For enquiries, contact: djamouri@ehess.fr

Interviews will be held by visioconference on the 29th-30th of November 2021