Post-doctoral position: Effects of Stress on Social Affect and Cognition - Social, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Unit of Claus Lamm, University of Vienna, Austria – to be filled by Sept 1 2018 (3 years)

We are looking for a postdoc working on the effects of stress on social affect, cognition, and their neural underpinnings. Applicants will join the Social, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Unit headed by Prof. Claus Lamm (SCAN-Unit, http://scan.psy.univie.ac.at). The SCAN-Unit investigates a broad range of topics in the field of Social Cognitive Neuroscience, with a focus on empathy, prosocial behavior, and social decision making. The research position is part of a larger research grant, funded by the Austrian Science Fund FWF and the Swiss Science Fund SNF, and entails close collaboration with the research group of Prof. Ruff at the University of Zurich, who will focus on neuroeconomic investigations of stress.

Candidates should hold a Ph.D. degree (or are expected to have graduated by the starting date) in Psychology, Biology, Social and/or Cognitive Neuroscience, or a related field. Candidates should have a strong interest in stress and social neuroscience research, and have extensive experience in designing, running, and analyzing human neuroimaging experiments. We are particularly interested in candidates with excellent computational skills (e.g. programming in Matlab, Python), and expertise in multivariate analyses of fMRI data (including machine learning approaches and/or computational modeling). They document their research skills by an excellent PhD, and by high-quality peer review publications. Excellent oral and written English language skills are mandatory. Working language of the lab is English. An autonomous work-style and genuine curiosity is both required and supported. Applications from both junior and more senior post-doc candidates are welcomed.

We offer a state-of-the-art research infrastructure involving direct access to a research dedicated 3 Tesla MRI scanner, including combined EEG/TMS and EEG/fMRI systems, three EEG labs, brain stimulation labs (TMS and tDCS) including neuronavigation, mobile and stationary psychophysiological devices, including eye tracking, and a group decision making laboratory for social interaction experiments. We also have access (via collaborations) to state-of-the art biomedical laboratories (group of Prof. Urs Nater) with specific expertise in identifying biological markers of stress responses, and to a 7 T MRI scanner. The University of Vienna is the oldest university in the German-speaking world. The Faculty of Psychology is located at the center of the beautiful Danube city, which is currently ranked highest in living quality worldwide. Vienna is a highly international city and while some command of the German language is advantageous, it is not required.

Applications are invited to be submitted by November 1st 2017, but might be considered on an ongoing basis until a suitable candidate is found. The expected starting date is September 1st 2018, but this is negotiable. The position will be available for 3 years, depending upon qualifications and career path of the applicant. The salary scheme is based on the Collective Bargaining Agreement for University Staff: Article 48f B1 lit. b (Postdoc), which amounts to a yearly salary (after tax) of about € 34.000,-. Applications should be sent electronically and include a CV (incl. full publication list, with 3 most important publications provided as PDFs; junior candidates with no published papers yet should provide accepted or submitted manuscripts, or their thesis), a cover letter (maximum 2 pages) explaining why you are suited for and interested in this position, including a sketch of concrete research interests (1 page), two to three persons who can be contacted as references (including full address, homepage, and email address), and (if available) an electronic copy of the grades and written evaluations of the Ph.D. thesis. Please send these materials to Sigrid Hager (sigrid.hager@univie.ac.at) with “Application Postdoc Stress Research” in the e-mail header. For informal enquiries, please contact Claus Lamm directly (claus.lamm@univie.ac.at).