Post-doctoral/"Lecturer" position (up to 6 years) in the Social, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Unit of Claus Lamm, University of Vienna, Austria

We are seeking candidates for a postdoc position ("University Assistant", approx. equivalent to Lecturer", contract up to 6 years) at the Faculty of Psychology. The successful applicant will work in close collaboration with Prof. Claus Lamm and his team at the Social, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Unit (SCAN-Unit). The SCAN-Unit investigates a broad range of topics in the field of Social Cognitive Neuroscience, with a focus on empathy, prosocial behaviour, and social decision making. We investigate these phenomena mainly in healthy neurotypical populations, but recently also started to incorporate clinical samples (autism, psychopathy, depression), and developmental aspects (social cognition across the lifespan) in our approach.

The position will be embedded in a thriving research environment that offers various opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations, such as a research platform for Cognitive Science (http://cogsci.univie.ac.at), a research cluster for multimodal and translational neuroimaging (http://forschungscluster.meduniwien.ac.at/mmi-cns), and a Vienna Research Group for Young Investigators focusing on social decision making research (http://nbu-vienna.com). We offer a state-of-the-art research infrastructure involving direct access to several EEG labs and a research-only 3 Tesla MRI Center, including combined EEG/TMS and EEG/fMRI systems, rTMS and TMS including neuronavigation, tDSC, mobile and stationary eye tracking, mobile and stationary psychophysiological recorders, a group decision making laboratory (for social interaction experiments), and behavioral psychopharmacology and neuroendocrinology labs. We also have access (via collaborations) to state-of-the art biomedical and genetics laboratories, and to a 7 T MRI scanner.

We are looking for candidates with a Ph.D. degree in (Experimental, Cognitive, Biological) Psychology, Social and/or Cognitive Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, or a related field. Applications from junior and more senior post-doc candidates are welcome. We are particularly interested in candidates with excellent computational skills (e.g. advanced programming expertise in Matlab, Python), and expertise in multivariate analysis of fMRI data (including machine learning approaches and/or computational modeling). Candidates should have experience in designing, running, analyzing, and publishing experimental studies using human neuroscience methods such as fMRI, EEG, or TMS/tDSC (see above for available research infrastructure). Successful candidates document their research skills by an excellent PhD, and by high-level peer review publications (or submitted manuscripts, for more junior postdocs expecting to be awarded a PhD soon). They should have a strong interest in social cognitive neuroscience research and in being part of an interdisciplinary and international research team. Excellent oral and written English language skills are required. Working language of the lab is English. An autonomous work-style and genuine curiosity is both required and supported. The position also involves opportunities in acquiring teaching experience (maximum 2 courses/3 h/week, seminars at Bachelor, Master’s or Ph.D. level, matching the skills of the candidate), administrative contributions (such as taking care of research labs), and applying for grants.

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 has been ranked highest in living quality worldwide for several years now. 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 1 the latest, but will be considered on an ongoing basis until a suitable candidate is found. The earliest possible start date is February 1, 2018, but a later start is negotiable.

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/Lecturer SCAN-Unit” in the e-mail header. For informal enquiries, please contact Claus Lamm directly (claus.lamm@univie.ac.at).