

## Announcement

The Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences in Leipzig, Germany, Department of Social Neuroscience (Director: Prof. Tania Singer) invites applications for

### Postdoctoral Position in Psychopathology.

The position is part of a new interdisciplinary department investigating the foundations of human social behavior. The successful candidate will work with individuals with psychopathic, narcissistic, and/or egocentric traits in the normal population as well as patients with lesions, and individuals with autism or alexithymia. The primary goal of this research is to find evidence for specific dysfunctions of social cognition (e.g., in domains such as empathy, Theory of Mind, action understanding, social and moral decision making) within these populations. The Max Planck Institute in Leipzig has a rich database of lesion patients in addition to other patient populations based in Leipzig and Berlin, which are available for projects in our department. Furthermore, the department has additional laboratory space in Berlin (near the Charité Hospital), which is located just an hour by train to the north of Leipzig.

The successful candidate has strong research background in cognitive neuroscience including structural and functional MRI (preferably with SPM, Matlab) and behavioral analyses. In addition, the candidate should have some research experience in psychopathology (e.g., social cognition in individuals with autism, alexithymia, or psychopathy). The position is primarily devoted to research, with no teaching and only minimal administrative duties.

The Max Planck Institute in Leipzig (<http://www.cbs.mpg.de>) offers an international research environment, with English being the language spoken in the laboratory. It offers an excellent infrastructure (e.g., three human 3T and one 7T MRI, rt-fMRI, EEG, TMS/tDCS, MEG, pharmacology laboratory, behavioral laboratory).

For further details, see <http://www.cbs.mpg.de/dept/singer> or contact Tania Singer ([singer@cbs.mpg.de](mailto:singer@cbs.mpg.de)). Applications (including a CV, list of publications, statement of research interests, and contact information of 3 referees) should be sent as a single PDF file, with your name as the file name, to Tania Singer ([singer@cbs.mpg.de](mailto:singer@cbs.mpg.de)) and Sandra Zurborg ([zurborg@cbs.mpg.de](mailto:zurborg@cbs.mpg.de)). Review of applications will continue until the positions are filled. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to the MPI in Leipzig, Germany.

The Max Planck Society is an equal opportunity employer and explicitly encourages women and handicapped individuals to apply.

**Contact Name**

Tania Singer

**Contact Email**

[singer@cbs.mpg.de](mailto:singer@cbs.mpg.de)

**Contact Address**

Max Planck Institut  
Cognitive and Brain Sciences  
Stephanstr. 1a  
04103 Leipzig  
Germany

**Contact Phone**

+49 341 9940-2561

**Contact Website**

<http://www.cbs.mpg.de/singer>