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## **Job announcement**

Centre for Languages and Literature  
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### **Call for applications**

The Humanities Laboratory at Lund University announces one **two-year position as Research Fellow in Linguistics** within the project *Language, cognition and landscape: understanding cross-cultural and individual variation in geographical ontology* (LACOLA).

**Application deadline:** June 15, 2011.

**Starting date:** September 1, 2011 (negotiable)

**Activity level:** 100%

**Duration:** 24 months

**The project.** *Language, cognition and landscape* (LACOLA), funded by the European Research Council, pursues a linguistic inquiry into landscape. From the linguist's point of view, the geophysical environment is virtually unexplored. Yet it has vast potential for influence on the discipline. The project situates landscape within linguistics as a fundamental domain of representational systems, and opens up important links to other disciplines concerned with landscape that usually have little to do with language. It has four main objectives: (1) to explore landscape categorization in a number of languages, (2) to compare such categorization, (3) to develop a model for understanding categorization across languages and speakers, and (4) to document vanishing landscape systems. The research team pursues landscape categorization in diverse language settings, and each setting represents a case study carried out by a team member with expert knowledge and prior field experience of the setting. Each setting offers opportunities of studying closely related languages as well as individuals speaking the same language, making comparison possible not only among maximally diverse languages but also at finer levels of linguistic granularity. An exploratory psycholinguistic subproject probes the relationship between language and cognition in the landscape domain.

**Required qualifications.** The successful candidate has received his/her PhD degree in Linguistics or a related discipline no more than three years before the application deadline. He/she has extensive prior research experience from a lesser-known and non-Indo-European language setting, with documented expertise in grammatical and lexical analysis, as well as the principles and techniques of modern language documentation. He/she should have access to the language setting for continuing fieldwork during the course of the project. Particular consideration will be given to candidates with broad linguistic interests and an excellent scientific track record. Previous research on specific semantic domains, especially landscape ('ethnogeography'), is an advantage but not a requirement.

**Responsibilities.** The successful candidate will be based at the Humanities Laboratory, located at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University. He/she will contribute to project work and the emerging field of landscape linguistics by collecting, exploring, comparing, archiving and disseminating first-hand field data. He/she will form part of a close-knit and dynamic research group of linguists, environmental psychologists and GIS experts, and will contribute actively to the intellectual advancement of the project and the research field. The project's working language is English.

**How to apply.** The application should contain the following documents (in one copy):

- ✓ a complete *Curriculum vitae*
- ✓ a list of publications
- ✓ a scanned copy of your PhD certificate
- ✓ a statement describing your field setting, expertise and areas of interest, as well as the (potentially) interesting features of your language(s) of study (max 3 pages)

Please combine these documents into one PDF file and email to Niclas.Burenhult@ling.lu.se no later than **June 15, 2011**. The subject heading of the email should read: "LACOLA – application".

**Further information.** For information about the position, contact Associate Professor Niclas Burenhult. Email: [Niclas.Burenhult@ling.lu.se](mailto:Niclas.Burenhult@ling.lu.se); Telephone: +46 (0)46 2228817. For information about Lund University personnel and salary policies, contact administrator Lena Kandefeldt. Email: [lena.kandefeldt@kansliht.lu.se](mailto:lena.kandefeldt@kansliht.lu.se); Telephone: +46 (0)46 2227224.

Useful links:

- Project page (short intro): <http://www.sol.lu.se/en/project/462>
- Humanities Laboratory: <http://www.humlab.lu.se>
- Centre for Languages and Literature: <http://www.sol.lu.se/>
- Lund University: <http://www.lu.se/>
- Lund municipality: <http://www.lund.se>

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