



NEWSLETTER



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The first months of 2023 already passed and we are happy to announce that the year 2023 started of successfully for the Center. We welcomed invited speakers in our colloquium and look forward to some interesting talks coming up in the next few months.

In addition, we are happy to welcome five new Fellows in March.

A warm welcome to Dr. Judith Beier, Dr. Christin Beck, Dr. Ronald Planer, Dr. Nicholas Evans, and Dr. Ahmet Aytek. We look forward to interesting colloquium talks, insightful discussions and research collaborations.

Dr. Judith Beier



Dr. Judith Beier is a biological anthropologist interested in prehistoric hunter-gatherer lifestyles. Her previous research focused on injury rates in Neanderthal and Upper Paleolithic human skeletal remains. She completed a PhD in Archaeological Sciences and Human Evolution at the University of Tübingen in 2021, worked in science management since 2020, and recently conducted a research fellowship at the University of Cantabria. She will join the Center as a postdoctoral researcher from March 2023. Using qualitative macroscopic and virtual imaging techniques as well as statistical modeling approaches, during her time at the Center she will conduct research revolving around Late Pleistocene to early Holocene human population history, social organization, and violence and trauma.

Dr. Christin Beck



Christin Beck is a post-doctoral researcher in Computational Linguistics at the University of Konstanz. Her research focuses on developing novel computational approaches for the investigation of historical language change by combining methodologies from historical linguistics, Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Visual Analytics. She is further interested in computational lexical semantics, the interaction between lexical semantic and syntactic change and the syntactic encoding of information structure.

More about her research and the contact information can be found online on our homepage (<https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/201838>).

Dr. Ronald Planer



Dr. Ronald Planer is a post-doctoral research at the University of Melbourn. His research might be described as the philosophy of human nature: it attempts to understand—and ultimately develop testable models of—the biocultural evolution of some of the most fundamental aspects of human beings; for example, our linguistic abilities, our social-cognitive abilities, and our moral and political attitudes. Planer takes a highly interdisciplinary approach to this research, drawing upon ideas from anthropology, archaeology, primatology, neuroscience, linguistics, developmental biology, computer science, and other fields. More about his research and the contact information can be found online on our homepage (<https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/201838>).



Dr. Nicholas Evans



Prof. Evans is a renowned linguist whose research revolves around the diversity of language, including the origins of such diversity and its cognitive and evolutionary implications. He has also done extensive fieldwork on indigenous languages in Australia and Papua New Guinea. His research foci include the detection of remote historical signal in linguistic data through computational phylogenetic methods and gaining a better understanding of the peopling of Sahul using linguistic and genetic data. More about his research and the contact information can be found online on our homepage (<https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/201838>).

Dr. Ahmet Aytek



Prof. Dr. Ahmet Aytek is an associated Professor at the Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University, specialized in the field of Anthropology. His research during his time at the Center will focus on the assessment of Mammalian Fossils from a new Turolian Fossil Locality of Kayaca. A detailed description of his research project can be found online on your website (<https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/201922>).

Call for fellowship application

The Center is a forum of interdisciplinary discussion and research. Its fellowship program is a great opportunity to connect with the core staff and associated members to establish new, interdisciplinary ideas and research projects.

We would like to invite you to apply for a fellowship to work together with us in order to gain more insights in the human past from different research perspectives. The core staff and several local members are open to new collaborations as

well as the associated Emmy Noether Junior Research Group “The Language Dynamics of the Ancient Central Andes” lead by Dr. Matthias Urban.

For more information on the Center and the associated members and research groups, please visit our homepage wordsandbones.uni-tuebingen.de

For more information on the fellowship program, please have a look at the description and information on our webpage (<https://uni-tuebingen.de/de/201430>) or contact our scientific coordinator Dr. Marisa Köllner (marisa.koellner@uni-tuebingen.de).

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