



UNIVERSITY  
OF COLOGNE

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

## Postdoctoral Researcher (f/m/x)

at the Department of Philosophy



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We are one of the largest and oldest universities in Europe and one of the most important employers in our region. Our broad range of subjects, the dynamic development of our main research areas and our central location in Cologne make us attractive for students and researchers from around the world. We offer a wide range of career opportunities in science, technology, and administration.

The offered postdoctoral position is part of the DFG-funded project 'Philosophical Judgement Between Autonomy and Epistemic Dependence: Epistemological Foundations and Classroom Reality', located at the Universities of Cologne and Mainz. The position is affiliated to the Chair of Professor Thomas Grundmann. The project seeks to fundamentally clarify the relationship between epistemic autonomy and dependence within the context of philosophy education at school.

### YOUR TASKS

- » The successful candidate will have an active research project on the norms of judgement within the DFG project
- » Strong collaboration with all members of the project
- » Support for the organisation of events
- » Preparation and regular attendance at team meetings and in-house workshops or reading-groups
- » International correspondence with collaborators

### YOUR PROFILE

- » The applicant must have a completed doctoral degree in philosophy. ABD ("all but dissertation") candidates will be considered
- » The applicant must be specialized in epistemology and in at least one of the following areas: philosophy of language, philosophy of science, or philosophy of mind
- » The applicant's research focus is on at least one of the following areas relevant to the project: norms of belief, assertion, inquiry, reasoning; acceptance; theories of inference; epistemic autonomy; epistemic dependence; theories of evidence; theories of normativity and/or rationality
- » The applicant can communicate fluently in German, both in spoken and writing

### WE OFFER

- » Collaboration in a dynamic and international team
- » A diverse working environment with equal opportunities
- » Support in balancing work and family life
- » Extensive advanced training opportunities
- » Occupational health management offers
- » Flexible working time models, full-time positions suitable for job sharing

The University of Cologne promotes equal opportunities and diversity. Women will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from all suitable candidates regardless of their gender, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation and identity.

The position is available from 1 March 2026 on a full-time basis (39,83 hours per week). The position is to be filled for a fixed term until 28 February 2029. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and personal qualifications, the salary is based on remuneration group 13 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

Please apply online with proof of the required qualifications (without a photo) under <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>. The reference number is Wiss2511-12. The application deadline is 15 December 2025.

For further inquiries, please contact Professor Dr Thomas Grundmann ([thomas.grundmannr@uni-koeln.de](mailto:thomas.grundmannr@uni-koeln.de)) and take a look at our [FAQs](#).



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