



UNIVERSITY
OF COLOGNE

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Postdoc position (f/m/x)

Department of Philosophy | CONCEPT



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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 University of Cologne is home to the Cologne Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition (CONCEPT). The center was founded in 2016 and is led by Professor Sven Bernecker. CONCEPT is built on the premise that contemporary epistemology and epistemology in the classical German tradition both benefit from the crossfertilization of ideas and methods. The postdoc position is embedded within a team of philosophers who work closely together.

YOUR TASKS

- » The successful candidate will pursue a research project in contemporary epistemology and works closely with the other members of CONCEPT
- » Teaching responsibilities amounting to 4 hours per week.
- » Support in the planning and implementation of conferences, lecture series, and grant applications
- » Preparation and participation in internal workshops/conferences/reading groups
- » Correspondence to initiate and/or pursue co-operations with scientific institutions nationally and abroad

YOUR PROFILE

- » The applicant must have a doctorate in philosophy and must have contemporary epistemology as an area of specialization. ABD ("all but dissertation") candidates will be considered if the degree has been conferred 1 September 2026
- » Research communication skills and new media literacy are desirable
- » Experience in grant writing is also desirable

WE OFFER

- » Collaboration in a dynamic, 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
- » Opportunity to work remotely

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 September 2026 on a full-time basis (39,83 hours per week). The position is limited to 12 months. If the applicant meets the relevant wage requirements and has the appropriate qualifications, the salary is based on remuneration group 13 TV-L of the pay scale for the German public sector.

Please send your applications with proof of the required qualifications including: Cover letter, CV, university transcripts, two writing samples (published or unpublished), and a 3-page outline of future research projects.

Please apply online with proof of the required qualifications without a photo under <https://jobportal.uni-koeln.de>. The reference number is Wiss2605-10. The application deadline is 5 July 2026.

For further inquiries, please contact Professor Dr Sven Bernecker (s.bernecker@uni-koeln.de) and take a look at our [FAQs](#).



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