



## PhD Program between the Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and the China Scholarship Council (CSC)

### Open PhD position at FUB for CSC scholarship candidates 2018

*Please note: the PhD position is only offered to Chinese PhD candidates for application in the framework of the FUB-CSC PhD Program.*

<b><u>Department/Institute:</u></b>	Department of Philosophy and Humanities / Institute of Romance Languages and Literatures
<b><u>Subject area:</u></b>	Linguistics
<b><u>Name of Supervisor:</u></b>	Prof. Dr. Judith Meinschaefer
<b><u>Number of open PhD positions:</u></b>	1
<b><u>Type of the PhD Study:</u></b>	Full-time and Sandwich-Model
<b><u>Project title:</u></b>	

#### **PhD Project description:**

A proposed PhD project should be located in one of the following two domains: (i) comparative prosody of tone languages and/or stress languages; (ii) expression of motion events.

Our research focus on comparative prosody currently deals with language contact between stress and tone languages, e.g., with the borrowing of words from European and Asian stress languages into Asian tone languages, as well as with the evolution and variation found in the tonal systems of Chinese varieties which are spoken in areas where they come into contact with stress languages. As to the expression of motion events, we welcome projects dealing with the expression of complex motion events that contain both a Path and Manner of motion, such as in the English example „The truck rumbled into the yard“, where the Path of motion is expressed by a preposition (into), while the Manner of motion is expressed by the verb (rumble). In languages that have fewer prepositions than European languages, but that, unlike European languages, allow verb serialization, such as Chinese varieties, the expression of motion events follows different principles which have currently hardly been a focus on research. Also in this domain, project proposals dealing with contact between different language types would be most interesting.

#### **Language requirements:**

IELTS: 6.5 or TOEFL: 95 ibt.

#### **Academic requirements:**

Candidates should have a strong interest in linguistics, with a theoretical perspective. A focus on language contact would be a plus. For a full time doctorate, a Master's degree is required.

#### **Information of the professor or research group leader:**

The group leader is a full professor in Romance linguistics, with a focus on phonological and semantic theory. More information can be found here:

<http://www.geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de/we05/institut/mitarbeiter/meinschaefer/index.html>

The research group currently consists of a postdoctoral and a predoctoral researcher in syntax/semantics and two predoctoral researchers in phonology.

There are close collaborations, including regular colloquium and reading group meetings, with other research teams in phonology and language contact at the FU Berlin, organized within the Interdisciplinary Centre for European Languages. More information can be found here:

<http://www.geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de/en/izeus/index.html>

**Please note:** In a first step, the complete application must be submitted to the Beijing Office for evaluation by January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please do not contact the professor before. He/She will get in contact with you after having received the complete application via the Beijing Office in January.