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## SNF doctoral position in English Linguistics

As of **February 1, 2020**, the Department of English at the University of Basel is looking for a doctoral candidate in English Linguistics (with Dr. Daniela Landert, SNF-PRIMA project leader). The PhD is written in connection with the SNF project "The Pragmatics of Improvised Drama Comedy". The project investigates how the communicative framework of improvised theatre affects the creation of fictional texts and, in a broader perspective, it deals with questions of spontaneous language production and composition. As part of the SNF project, a corpus of videos and transcripts from improvised theatre shows will be compiled and the project involves field work in the United States for this purpose. In their research, the successful applicant will compare improvised fictional dialogues to dialogues in scripted fiction and in spontaneous non-fictional conversation, focusing on aspects that are typically associated with spontaneous language production.

### Your position

The successful applicant will

- write their Ph.D., publish academic articles, give conference talks, attend relevant conferences, and engage with the activities of the English Department;
- collaborate with Daniela Landert on the composition of a corpus of transcriptions from improvised theatre shows;
- play an active role in the international doctoral program of the Hermann-Paul-School of Linguistics (<http://hpsl-linguistics.org>) and pursue their coursework within the HPSL;
- be able to teach in order to gain experience for an attractive CV.

### Your profile

Candidates should have an MA university degree in English Studies or English linguistics and a sustained interest in discourse analysis and pragmatics.

### We offer you

You will work in a vibrant and research-active department and the employment conditions for SNF positions at the University of Basel. **The position is fixed term, limited to 4 years.**

### Application / contact

In one pdf file, applicants should send in

- a cover letter
- their CV
- a piece of writing of no more than 30 pages that best represents the applicant's research, e.g. a seminar paper or a chapter of an M.A. thesis
- copies of university diploma(e)

by **October 10, 2019**.

Please address your correspondence electronically to Daniela Landert (Daniela.Landert@unibas.ch) in one pdf file with the subject line "PhD in English Linguistics".