

The Thumos research group on emotions, values and norms (Geneva) (<http://www.unige.ch/lettres/philo/recherche/research-groups/thumos/>) and The Centre for Philosophical Psychology (Antwerp) (<https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/research-groups/philosophical-psychology/>) offer a 4-year PhD fellowship within Bence Nanay's, Julien Deonna's, Fabrice Teroni's research project entitled "Emotion and Mental Imagery". The appointee will spend 3 years in Geneva and one year in Antwerp and will obtain a degree from both universities.

STARTING DATE: September 1, 2022

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT: The project aims to explore the rich interactions between emotions and mental imagery, which we think has important benefits both for the study of emotions and for the study of mental imagery. The project is structured around two main hypotheses. The first hypothesis is that a focus on imagery is key to resolve central issues in emotion research. In providing a much-needed middle-ground, appeal to imagery helps rise above the tired opposition between belief-centred accounts and perception-centred accounts. The second hypothesis is that a focus on emotions is key to resolve central issues in imagery research. Appeal to emotions helps stimulate a research that has for too long centred on "affect-free" imagery and appreciate the significant roles imagery plays in our mental lives. The central motivation behind the project is that understanding how emotions and imagery are intertwined is not only of philosophical interest, but that it can also contribute to debates in psychology, cognitive science and even in some forms of clinical practices.

The full project can be consulted here: https://www.unige.ch/lettres/philo/files/4416/3999/5631/Project_Geneva_Antwerp2021.pdf

SCIENTIFIC REQUIREMENTS: A strong background in contemporary philosophy of mind is required. The appointee will be expected to work on a topic related to the project.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS: For the purposes of the position, only English is compulsory, since it is the language of most of our research activities.

SALARY (before taxes and social charges, in Swiss Francs): CHF 47'040.- for the first year.

HOW TO APPLY: Please send your application by e-mail to Fabrice Teroni (Fabrice.Teroni@unige.ch) and Bence Nanay (nanay@berkeley.edu) by March 13th, 2022. It should include a CV, a writing sample (max. 5'000 words, ideally on a topic in philosophy of mind), a cover letter, a one-page document indicating how the candidate's planned research fits within the project and the name of two persons who can act as referees if contacted.

Decisions will be made by mid-May at the latest.

For further information, please contact Fabrice Teroni (Fabrice.Teroni@unige.ch) or Bence Nanay (nanay@berkeley.edu)