

## **Kent-Lille PhD position in Forensic Psychology on Sexual (mis)perception and sexual coercion**

### **The Project**

The project will examine individual and situational factors involved in sexual (mis)perception and develop knowledge regarding the processes and mechanisms through which sexual misperception may lead to sexual coercion.

A general social information processing framework will be favored, but the project should help to examine the contribution of different theoretical models. While the project may rely on a variety of methodological approaches, the proposal should include at least one experimental study (i.e., a lab-based protocol). Clinical and social applications of expected results should be discussed in the research proposal.

### **A jointly supervised PhD**

Jointly supervised PhDs (widely known as cotuelles) offer PhD students the chance to be jointly supervised by the University of Lille (France) and the University of Kent (UK), resulting in a dual award: a PhD from Kent and a doctorate from the University of Lille.

Specifically, the successful candidate will be funded for three years in a cotuelle arrangement where the student is mainly based at the University of Lille (France), but will spend at least 12 months at the University of Kent, UK.

### **Supervisors**

- **Dr Massil Benbouriche**, Associate Professor in Psychology and Justice, Department of Psychology, University of Lille.
- **Dr Caoilte Ó Ciardha**, Senior Lecturer in Forensic Psychology, School of Psychology, University of Kent.

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**Criteria**

- The applicant should hold a master's degree or equivalent (minimum of 5 years of post-secondary education) before the start of the doctorate.
- Successful candidates will demonstrate excellent research potential and will have obtained a First or 2:1 Undergraduate degree, along with a Master's with Merit or Distinction (for French candidate, a mention "Très Bien"), in a relevant subject (current Masters Students can submit a partial transcript).
- Candidates must have received a training in experimental research and have good to excellent statistical skills, or express a strong desire to acquire such skills (demonstrated within CV and cover letter).
- The applicant should have an English level of B2 or higher at the start of the PhD. This requirement is waived, if an applicant is a national of a majority English-speaking country, or has completed a qualification equivalent to a UK Bachelor's degree in a majority English-speaking country. Proficiency in French is recommended, but not required.
- Open to applicants from any country.
- Further information can be found on these guidance pages.
- Open to all new postgraduate research applicants, applying for September 2020 entry (current PhD students are not eligible).
- Scholarship cannot be deferred.

**Calendar and general submission process**

- Candidates must address a cover letter, including an initial outline (one page) for a research proposal, along with a CV and their transcript before April 11 to Dr Benbouriche and Dr Ó Ciardha and: [massil.benbouriche@univ-lille.fr](mailto:massil.benbouriche@univ-lille.fr); [C.C.OCiardha@kent.ac.uk](mailto:C.C.OCiardha@kent.ac.uk)
- The selected candidate will be responsible for completing and submitting the application form by April 29<sup>th</sup>. The final research proposal (3 pages) will be discussed with Dr Benbouriche and Dr Ó Ciardha, but must be on sexual (mis)perception and sexual coercion, and include an experimental component.
- Selection of projects: May 2020
- Notification of results: June 2020
- Start of thesis: September/October 2020