

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 cotutelles) 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 cotutelle 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; C.C.OCiardha@kent.ac.uk
- The selected candidate will be responsible for completing and submitting the application form by April 29th. 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