

PhD at CIS/LMU Munich in NLP for climate change



There is an open PhD position available at the Center for Information and Language Processing (CIS) at LMU Munich, in the group of [Barbara Plank](#), the MainLP lab.

Starting period: between April 1, 2023 and July 1, 2023

Application deadline: **February 12, 2023** (after that, the position will remain open until filled).

TOPIC

The open position is within the KLIMA-MEMES project on “The influence of humorously intended communication on political decision-making in the context of climate change”. The PhD is expected to work on analyzing online discourse and affect on climate change in English and German data. Keywords: Social Media Processing, Diffusion Analysis, Multidimensional Affect and Emotion Analysis (Mohammad, 2018), Multilingual NLP, Language and Vision, Transfer Learning and Deep Multi-Task Learning.

Within this project, there is ample opportunity to collaborate with LMU researchers in AI, including fellow-project PhD students in Computer Vision and Communication Science research. Moreover, within KLIMA-MEMES, there is collaboration planned with international experts such as [Saif M. Mohammad](#) from the National Research Council Canada.

Opportunities

CIS is part of ELLIS (ELLIS NLP and the ELLIS unit in Munich) and a PhD student has the opportunity, [subject to approval by ELLIS](#), to become affiliated with the ELLIS PhD program.

MUNICH CENTER FOR MACHINE LEARNING (MCML)

The MCML (<http://mcml.ai>) is a new center in which PIs from the Munich area, mainly from LMU Munich and TU Munich, collaborate on advancing machine learning. NLP is one of the focuses of the MCML. The MCML provides a rich environment for networking with PhD students and researchers in AI and for collaboration with other groups in the Munich area.

CANDIDATES

Ideal PhD candidates have a Master in computer science, computational linguistics or a related discipline (or are finishing their degree this spring), and have a strong interest in natural language processing and machine learning, excellent programming skills, are team players and are fluent in English. German or reading a Germanic language is a plus but not required.



TEAM

The Center for Information and Language Processing (CIS) at LMU is headed by Barbara Plank and Hinrich Schuetze and is internationally recognized for its research on statistical NLP and deep learning applied to NLP. We are a growing team of 20+ PhD students and researchers from 10 different nations. [MaiNLP](#) is a research lab at CIS, next to LMU's main university building, recently founded by and headed by Barbara Plank. LMU is the top university in Germany according to most rankings.

DIVERSITY

LMU is strongly committed to diversity and especially welcomes applications from members of underrepresented groups.

LOCATION

CIS is located in the city center of Munich near the English Garden, one of the world's largest urban public parks. Munich, the capital of Bavaria, is a vibrant international city with many cultural and recreational offerings, including the nearby Alps.

APPLICATION

Please send your CV, transcripts, a copy of your Master's thesis (or your draft, if you are in your Master currently), names of two references and a max 1 page research statement to sekrki@cis.lmu.de, subject: "KLIMA-MEMES PhD application". Send all documents as a single PDF; give the PDF a name that includes your name. The position is open until filled.