



PhD Program between the Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and the China Scholarship Council (CSC)

**Open PhD Position at Freie Universität Berlin,
offered only to Chinese CSC scholarship candidates 2024**

Department/Institute: German and Dutch Philology |

Subject area: linguistics |

Name of Supervisor: Horst Simon |

Number of open PhD positions: 1 |

Type of the PhD Study: Full-time or Sandwich-Model |

Project title: A comparative study of politeness phenomena: German-Chinese or German-German – Address and certain speech acts |

PhD Project description:

Obvious sites of linguistic diversity lie in the realization of politeness-sensitive speech acts and in addressing practices. This can either be investigated with regard to large-scale diversity (comparing, e.g., Chinese and German), as has been traditionally done, or regarding small-scale diversity, i.e. linguistic variation within a single language community). This project involves the detailed empirical study of sociolinguistically determined variation within one pragmatic domain, such as apologizing, greeting etc. Methods can include experimental, questionnaire-based studies or sociolinguistic interviews.

Language requirements:

- Test Daf 16 bzw. DSH 2

Academic requirements:

a master's degree in linguistics or German philology (with a linguistic focus)

Linguistically founded knowledge of German.

Information of the professor or research group leader (website, awards etc.):

principal investigator of a relevant project <www.variprag.net>.

general information: <www.histling.de>

Please Note: In a first step, the complete application should be uploaded to the [online portal](https://fuberlin.moveon4.de/form/60acfece5d328710e40bdbd5/eng) (<https://fuberlin.moveon4.de/form/60acfece5d328710e40bdbd5/eng>) for evaluation by January 15th, 2024. Please do not contact the professor before. He/she will get in contact with you after having received the complete application via the International Office of Freie Universität Berlin in January.