A **one-year post-doctoral position** in Cultural Evolution and Social Cognition is currently open at the Département d'Etudes Cognitives (DEC) of the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris. This project will be conducted under the supervision of **Nicolas Baumard** at the Institut Jean Nicod (IJN) and **Julie Grèzes** at the Laboratoire de Neurosciences Cognitives (LNC).

Project summary:

The project aims to document the so-called '**process of civilization**', the set of long-term psychological changes that occurred in Europe from 1300 to 1900. The project will study **the evolution of emotional displays in European literature** (novels, plays) from the late Middle Age to the modern times and will test whether economic development can account for the evolution of **social preferences** such as trust, morality and honor. More generally, the goal of the project is to test whether **life history parameters** (mortality, affluence, external threat) can account for psychological changes in history. We are looking for a postdoctoral fellow with a strong background in **programming and data analysis**.

Funding and salary:

The position is funded by a LabeX grant from PSL* Research University. The salary will be adjusted to the candidate's post doctoral experience (start salary for a 1st year post doc: 30,000 euros/year net; 5 years of experience: 38,000).

Start date:

The start date will be determined with the candidate but will need to fall within the following range: 30/09/2018 to 01/01/2019.

Requirements:

– The candidate should have a PhD (or be in the final stages of obtaining such a degree) in Cognitive Science, Cultural Evolution, Economics or areas related to quantitative analysis of social phenomena.

– Experience with data analysis along with strong programming and statistical skills (matlab, r).

– Strong language and writing skills in English are required (note: speaking French is **not** required).

Please send a complete CV, a cover letter and contact information of two references by September 15th to nicolas.baumard@ens.fr and julie.grezes@ens.fr, and feel free to contact us for more information!

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