

The ANR-DFG Project IMAGES (“Hosting a clause: Implications for the matrix and its guests” <https://cethis.univ-tours.fr/version-francaise/projets-finances/fral-images>) invites application for a three-year PhD position in Greek syntax starting on Sept. 1, 2023 to be hosted at Université de Tours (<https://www.univ-tours.fr/>) under the supervision of Pr. Richard Faure (<https://cethis.hypotheses.org/files/2022/09/CV-Faure-2022.pdf>).

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Application Deadline: April 1 2023

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The general goal of the project is to contribute to our understanding of clausal complementation by focusing on the way clausal complements (e.g., “(I think) that it is raining”) are inserted in the matrix clause. This matter has been the subject of much research in the past 50 years because, compared to an NP object, the relationship of the clause to the matrix predicate notoriously tends to be deviant both semantically and syntactically. A number of hypotheses try to account for these facts. The project aims to put to the test the various ideas, building on the history of languages, dialectological variation, linguistic comparison, philosophical insights, starting with Basque, French, German (and dialects of German), Greek, Hungarian.

As far as Greek is concerned, there have been several synchronic investigations on clausal complementation in Greek from the early stages to present-day Greek (Jacquinod ed., Faure, Bentein, Roussou, Angelopoulos, among many others). However, to the exception of Nicholas, the history of FINITE complementation has received little attention (compared to the loss of NON-FINITE, e.g., infinitival constructions, see Joseph). The purpose of this PhD is to explore how Greek went through the diverse stages that were described. The exact corpora, chronological range and constructions to be investigated will be decided with the supervisor.

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JOSEPH, B. 1983. *The Synchrony and Diachrony of the Balkan Infinitive*. CUP.
NICHOLAS, N. 1998. “The Story of Pu.” PhD. Melbourne.
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Payment: 1800€/months (average net salary over the three years) (+ possibility of teaching assistantship for 2050 € a year). Support will be provided for travel expenses as well as a computer

The ideal candidate is expected to

- have a Master degree by the end of the Academic year (August 2023);
- fully master ancient Greek; (some knowledge of modern Greek is welcome but not required)
- have some knowledge of and interest for building specific corpora (epigraphic and/or papyrological and/or literary, interest for historians is welcome);
- have an (at least light) education in linguistics;
- the motivation and qualifications for acquiring the competence to deal with the (formal) syntactic and semantic literature on complementation;
- willingness and ability to work both in collaboration and independently.

Supporting Documents (to be emailed to richard.faure@univ-tours.fr)

- Curriculum Vitae (CV);
- Cover letter explaining the motivation, experience, research interests of the applicant, elaborating on how these fit in with the research goals of the project (1-2 pages);
- The contact information for up to two referees (who may be contacted at a later stage);
- One or two writing samples (Master's thesis if completed).

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed.