

# DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

2 – 5 November 2021, Muntelier / Morat

Multilingualism: Acquisition, Education, and Society  
University of Fribourg | Institute of Multilingualism

## FALL SCHOOL 2021 The Politics of Reading

- Tutors:** Sandra Nossik, Université de Franche-Comté  
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Laura Villa, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid
- Moderator:** Kamilla Kraft, University of Copenhagen
- Organizers:** Alexandre Duchêne and Beatriz Lorente, Fribourg and Bern

### Abstract

Reading is a practice that is central to knowledge production. It is an important part of the academic habitus that is perhaps most visible in the citations and bibliographies of the texts we write and the reading lists of the courses we teach. We talk about it as a source of engagement, inspiration and frustration. Yet what is largely undiscussed in the academe is how reading is a crucial instrument in the reproduction of hegemonies of knowledge, of what is valued and therefore circulated as knowledge and what is not. This Fall School invites participants to consider what, how and why we read, with a particular focus on topics related to language in society. It will provide the participants plenty of opportunities to reflect on, discuss and challenge their reading practice and debate about the politics of reading.

### Application

Students are requested to stay in residence throughout the Fall School if feasible. PhD students are required to provide a brief motivational letter, stating the reasons why they would wish to attend this residential workshop, together with a brief description of their research.

Please send both documents to Philippe Humbert ([philippe.humbert@unifr.ch](mailto:philippe.humbert@unifr.ch)) by Oct. 12, 2021.

The main language of the Fall School is English, but drafts and motivational letters in either French or German will be considered as well.

### Preparation

A list of texts participants are expected to read prior to the Fall School will be made available after admission.

## Invited tutors:

**Laura Villa** is currently a Tomás y Valiente fellow at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Her research focuses on the intersection of language and politics. She has studied the process of standardization in the mid 19th century as part of the political project of rebuilding Spain as a modern nation-state. Additionally, she has examined the internationalization of Spanish in relation with Spain's geostrategic and economic interests in the global age. She has also worked on different issues regarding US Latinxs, including a critical approach to heritage language instruction in higher education and an analysis of the language exploitation of bilingual workers in the US labor market. She is co-editor of the Anuario de Glotopolítica.

**Sandra Nossik** is Maitresse de Conférence in sociolinguistics and discourse studies at the Université de Franche-Comté (France). Her work focusses on the circulation of discourses, political sociolinguistics and a sociological approach of oral narratives. She participates at the Université Buissonnière an initiative that allows dialogues and debates for everyone interested in contributing to knowledge production and social change outside the walls of the university.

**Anne Storch** is a Professor of African Linguistics at the University of Cologne. Her principal research has been on the various languages of Nigeria, on the Atlantic language region, on Western Nilotic (Southern Sudan and Uganda), with a current interest in Digo (Kenya). Her work combines contributions on cultural and social contexts of languages, the semiotics of linguistic practices, epistemes and ontologies of colonial linguistics, as well as linguistic description. She has contributed to the analysis of registers and choices, language as social practice, ways of speaking and complex repertoires. She is interested in epistemic language, metalinguistics, noise and silence, as well as language use in complicated settings, such as tourism.

**Kamilla Kraft** is Research Assistant at Centre for Internationalisation and Parallel Language Use at University of Copenhagen. She holds a PhD in language sociology, and as a postdoctoral researcher she has worked on transient multilingual communities. Her research interests include language and work, multilingualism and migration, as well as social and linguistic norms. She has primarily published on multilingual interactions and policies in work settings, the challenges and opportunities associated with language and communication in multilingual workplaces, and the affordances and constraints of language for individual workers.

## Practicalities

The Fall School will take place at the Hotel Bad Muntelier am See [www.hotel-bad-muntelier.ch](http://www.hotel-bad-muntelier.ch), located in Muntelier close to Murten-Morat on the shores of the picturesque Lake Morat. You can reach Muntelier or Murten-Morat very frequently throughout the day by regional train from Bern, Fribourg or Neuchâtel. Both stations are in walking distance to the venue of the spring school.

## Fees

The Fall School is free of charge for PhD students from Swiss Universities and includes accommodation in single rooms and full board. Please note that PhD students from the Universities of Fribourg, Bern and Lausanne will be given priority, but other interested doctoral students may apply.

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## Covid-19

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[www.bag.admin.ch](http://www.bag.admin.ch) > COVID certificate