

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

University of Bern | Center for the Study of Language and Society
University of Fribourg | Institute of Multilingualism

10-12 September 2025, Hotel Möschberg

SOCIOLINGUISTIC WRITING RETREAT

Writing coach: Meret Wälti

Organizers: Erez Levon and Alexandre Duchêne, Bern and Fribourg

Abstract

This writing retreat focuses on the process of writing in the field of sociolinguistics. During the retreat, Meret Wälti shares practical methods for time-saving and structured academic writing and creates space for students' individual questions and challenges. The writing retreat offers participants an invaluable opportunity to work intensively on their projects, gain new inspiration for their writing process, and strengthen their academic skills in a sustainable way.

Location

The Hotel Möschberg is located at a scenic spot near the beginning of the Emmental by Grosshöchstetten. From Grosshöchstetten Station, the hotel is a 20 minute walk away. Shuttles can be arranged at request. For further information, please consult <https://moeschberg.ch/>.



Address

Hotel Möschberg
Möschberg 7b
3506 Grosshöchstetten

Application

Participating students are requested to remain in residence throughout the 2.5-day writing retreat, if feasible. To apply to participate, please provide a brief description of your research project (max. 1 page) and a short letter of motivation including a description of your current writing project and your objectives for the writing retreat (max. 1 page). For those seeking individual coaching (20-30 min), please add a short text (max. 3 pages) on which you wish to get feedback from the coach, or a few questions you would like to discuss with the coach. Note that space is limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

For UNIFR participants: Please send both documents to Marie-Anne Morand (marie-anne.morand@unifr.ch) by August 10, 2025.

For UNIBE participants: Please send both documents to Craig Welker (craig.welker@unibe.ch) by August 10, 2025.

Fees

The workshop is free of charge for PhD students from the universities of Bern and Fribourg and includes accommodation in single rooms and full board.



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About the writing coach

Meret Wälti

Meret Wälti is an author, copywriter, editor, and writing coach for students. She holds an academic background in Anthropology (Bachelor of Arts) and Feminist Peace Politics (MSc, London School of Economics) and now works independently for universities, politicians, NGOs, and students. Her clients include ETH Diversity, Peace Women Across the Globe, Anja Glover, Franziska Schutzbach, and Yvonne Feri. Meret Wälti offers individualized support to students throughout their writing and research processes. Drawing on her experience, she helps participants write and research efficiently and purposefully - while maintaining their focus on their research topic.