

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

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Multilingualism: Acquisition, Education, and Society
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Doctoral Workshop: Information Structure in SLA/Bilingualism: Focus particles and Prosody in Romance vs. Germanic languages

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Chair: Prof. Dr. Raphael Berthele, University of Fribourg

Abstract

The workshop is about language specific ways of organizing information and achieving coherence in native and non-native discourse. Cecilia Andorno and Christine Dimroth will focus on the expression of negation, affirmation and addition in different Romance and Germanic languages and show how these languages' repertoires of particles and prosodic contours as well as their broader typological profile lead speakers to construe monologues and dialogues in an "entity-based" (Romance) vs. an "assertion-based" (Germanic) perspective.

In addition to the comparative approach, which makes use of the same elicitation stimuli across languages, the workshop will also address results obtained through different stimuli within the same language. This complementary perspective offers interesting insights into the pragmatic parameters promoting the use of focus markers in specific speech acts.

To register, please contact Naomi Shafer (naomi.shafer@unifr.ch) by **Sept. 20th, 2018**. A list of texts participants are invited to read prior to the event will be made available after admission.

Participation

Doctoral students of the program's partner universities (Fribourg, Berne, Lausanne and Geneva) are eligible to participate. Students from other Swiss universities may participate depending on places available.

Location: Institute of Multilingualism, rue de Morat 24, 1700 Fribourg (room K1.03)

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PhD programme on Multilingualism

The workshop is part of the doctoral programme Multilingualism: Acquisition, Education, and Society. It is organized by the Institute of Multilingualism and the study domain Multilingualism and foreign languages at the University of Fribourg and carried out in close collaboration with the Center for the Study of Language and Society of the University of Bern and with professors from the Universities of Geneva and Lausanne.

Invited speakers

Christine Dimroth studied Germanic and Romance Philology at the Philipps-Universität Marburg and the Freie Universität Berlin. She received her PhD in German linguistics from the Freie Universität Berlin. From 1998 to 2010 she was a researcher in the Language Acquisition Group at the Max-Planck-Institut für Psycholinguistik (Nijmegen). She is currently Professor of German Linguistics Westfälischen Wilhelms-Universität Münster. Her research expertise is mainly in (second) language acquisition and multilingualism, as well as the relation of grammar and information structure and its repercussions for discourse organization and thinking for speaking in different languages.

Cecilia Andorno obtained an MA in Italian Linguistics at the University of Turin and a PhD in Linguistics at the University of Pavia. She has been research fellow in Linguistics at the University of Pavia, where she took part in the "Pavia project" concerning Italian in Second Language Acquisition. She is currently Professor of Applied and General Linguistics in the Department of Humanities of the University of Turin. Her research interests include second language acquisition and bilingual education, discourse particles and utterance organization in spoken language varieties.

Selected references

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Programme

Thursday, Oct. 11th

11:45 Arrival and lunch

12:45 Introduction (R. Berthele)

13:00 Talk and discussion (C. Dimroth)

14:00 PhD project

14:45 Coffee break

15:00 PhD projects

16:30 End of Day 1

Friday, Oct. 12th

09:15 Talk and discussion (C. Andorno)

10:15 Coffee break

10:45 PhD projects

12:15 Wrapping up (R. Berthele)