

Workshop III: Language, space and geography

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Venue: Wilhelmstrasse 26, room 01 014

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

19:00 workshop warm-up (Hausbrauerei Feierling, Gerberau 46)

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

10:00 welcome

10:30 connector reports

- Martin Hilpert (FRIAS)
- Elwys De Stefani (University of Bern)

Session 1: The geography perspective

11:00 position papers:

Jörg Stadelbauer (University of Freiburg)

'Space' and 'language' in the focus of geographical sciences

Robert Weibel (University of Zurich)

Language in geographic information science

Lorenza Mondada (FRIAS)

The making of space: The example of collaborative planning and participatory democracy

12:15 lunch break – Theatercafé (Bertoldstraße 46)

14:00 Ross Purves (University of Zurich)

Determining and exploring vernacular geographies

15:00 Jani Vuolteenaho (University of Helsinki)

Language and space in four 'schools' of human geography: a toponymic approach

16:00 coffee break

16:30 Durk Gorter (University of Amsterdam)

Linguistic landscapes: mapping multilingual public spaces

17:30 General discussion

20:00 workshop dinner (Restaurant Paradies, Mathildenstr.28)

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Session 2: The typological perspective

9:30 position paper:

Johanna Nichols (UC Berkeley)

Three-dimensional linguistic geography: Verticality, complexity, and typological distance in the Caucasus

10:00 Walter Bisang (University of Mainz)

Language contact between geographic and mental space

11:00 coffee break

- 11:30 Michael Cysouw (MPI Leipzig)
On the worldwide geographical distribution of linguistic diversity
- 12:30 General discussion
- 13:00 lunch break (lunch buffet on site)

Session 3: The (variationist) sociolinguistic perspective

- 14:00 position paper
Dennis Preston (Oklahoma State University)
Language, people, salience, space: The sources and effects of some cognitive boundaries
- 14:30 Christian Mair and Stefan Pfänder (FRIAS)
The deterritorialisation of vernacular features: Jamaican English / Jamaican Creole and Andean Spanish in web-based communities of practice
- 15:30 David Britain (University of Essex)
Trapped in a 'sedentarist metaphysics'? : the long wait for a dialectology of mobilities
- 16:30 coffee break
- 17:00 Paul Kerswill (Lancaster University)
Supralocalisation equals deracination; innovation equals striking new roots
- 18:00 General discussion

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Session 4: The dialectological/dialectometrical perspective

- 11:00 position papers
Elvira Glaser (University of Zurich)
Area formation in morpho-syntax
Barbara Johnstone (Carnegie Mellon University)
What are regional dialects?
- 12:00 lunch break
- 14:00 Bernd Kortmann (Freiburg)
Areal features of the anglophone world
- 15:00 John Nerbonne (University of Groningen)
How much does geography influence language variation?
- 16:00 coffee break
- 16:30 General discussion & farewell