



International Research Networking Project

“Language and Gender: Academic Research and Practical Implementation”

2023/2024

Opening Event

Dr Falco Pfalzgraf, Organiser of the Research Networking Project

Introduction



- Welcome, and thank you for attending / participating / contributing
- Self-presentation: Dr Falco Pfalzgraf
- Presentation of the International Research Project
- Structure of the Opening Event
- ‘Housekeeping’

Self-Presentation



- Dr Falco Pfalzgraf, Reader / Associate Professor in German Linguistics
- Teaches and researches at university level since 2000 (Linguistics)
- Used to work mostly on Language Attitudes / Linguistic Purism
- Proposes that rejection of gender-inclusive language (GIL) must be understood as a new facet of Linguistic Purism
- Perceives a lack in international cooperation when it comes to GIL
- Believes in synergies between researchers and practitioners
- International Conference “Attitudes towards gender-inclusive language. A multinational perspective”, 8–9 September 2022 (192)

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- Focuses on questions related to the use of gender-inclusive language
- Brings together practitioners and academics from various different cultural and linguistic backgrounds: Participants reside in 15 countries and cover 12 languages
- Leads to interdisciplinary collaboration
- Facilitates the transfer of knowledge and expertise
- Facilitates collaborations between academics and practitioners
- Facilitates further co-operation, e.g. within larger research projects

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Five events will take place in 2023/24:

- Friday 17 November 2023: Opening Event
- Friday 19 January 2024: Workshop “Language and Gender: Achieving Conceptual Clarity”
- Friday 31 May 2024: Workshop 2 “Language and Gender: Research and Desiderata”
- Friday 6 September 2024: Workshop 3 “Language and Gender: Practical Aspects and Implementation”
- Friday 15 November 2024: Closing Event

All events will be available to the general public (later: online repository)

Today's Opening Event



- Key participants in the project meet for the first time
- They will briefly introduce themselves
- They will take part in a group workshop, reflect on their motivation and aims with regard to the project
- This will help informing the following events with regard to the academics' and practitioners' questions, needs, and sharing of information and good practice

Opening Event Structure



- Opening & Block 1 08:00 – 08:55 [55 minutes] followed by a 15-minute break
- Block 2 09:10 – 09:50 [40 minutes] followed by a 15-minute break
- Block 3 10:05 – 10:45 [40 minutes] followed by a 15-minute break
- Block 4 11:00 – 11:40 [40 minutes] followed by a 60-minute break
- Block 5 12:40 – 13:10 [30 minutes] followed by a 10-minute break
- Block 6 13:20 – 13:50 [30 minutes] followed by a 10-minute break
- Block 7 14:00 – 14:45 [30 minutes] followed by a 15-minute break
- Group work 15:00 – 15:30 [30 minutes]
- Group results 15:30 – 16:00 [30 minutes]
- Closing Remarks 16:00 – 16:15 [15 minutes]
- Event ends 16:15

'Housekeeping'

- Please note that this event will be recorded, and that the recording will be made available in the research network repository.
- Guests who 'attend only' should keep their microphones muted.
- Contributing participants should keep their microphones muted until their presentation slot is due.
- Contributing participants are requested to stay online during the 14:45 – 15:00 break, i.e. before the group brainstorming begins. Please do not disconnect, as otherwise groups cannot be established.
- This is a long event with many contributing participants. Please let us do our best to stick to the schedule.
- We have a zero tolerance policy for harassment / trolling.

Thank you very much.
Enjoy the event.