

Workshop *Language, space and geography*

Thursday 26 November

10:00 Welcome

10:30 Elwys De Stefani (University of Bern), Gisela Fehrmann (University of Bonn), Jan-Ola Östmann (Helsinki University)

Connector reports

Session 1: The geography perspective

11:30 Position papers:

Lorenza Mondada (FRIAS)

The making of space: collaborative planning and participatory democracy

Robert Weibel (University of Zurich)

Language in geographic information science

12:00 Lunch break

14:00 Ross Purves (University of Zurich)

Determining and exploring vernacular geographies

15:00 Jani Vuolteenaho (Helsinki University)

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

Friday 27 November

Session 2: The typological perspective

09:30 Position paper:

Johanna Nichols (UC Berkeley)
Geographical conditions on typological distributions

10:00 Walter Bisang (University of Mainz)
Language contact between geographic and mental space

11:00 Michael Cysouw (MPI Leipzig)
On the worldwide geographical distribution of linguistic diversity

12:00 General discussion

13:00 Lunch break

Session 3: The (variationist) sociolinguistic perspective

14:00 Position paper:
Dennis Preston (Oklahoma State University)
Language, people, salience, space: the sources of cognitive boundaries

14:30 Christian Mair and Stefan Pfänder (Freiburg)
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