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SFB 1252
PROMINENCE
IN LANGUAGE

#11 | Always on the move

Dear all,

the year 2019 has started with our successful New Year's meeting, fruitful and inspiring discussions in front of your posters, during coffee breaks and dinner in the evening - delicious food, too many leftovers. The fire safety briefing has also been successful so you all now know how to get out of the HoP building safely - thank you for your participation! Safety first!

As researchers, you are always on the move, be it traveling to conferences or starting a new job after your dissertation/habilitation at another university or at another employer. Thus, there is always movement within the SFB 1252. Sadly, Uta Reinöhl and Stefan Hinterwimmer are leaving the University of Cologne, Jacopo Torregrossa will be leaving the University of Hamburg this year for a full professorship at Frankfurt University. They will remain members and research partners within the SFB. Andreas Brocher will be leaving for good. Read more about their plans in this issue.

If you have ever wondered or tried to explain to your colleagues, family and friends, how life is as a postdoc at the University of Cologne, here is the [answer](#).

Best wishes
Annalena Wasiri

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Guest researcher **Rodrigo Gutiérrez-Bravo** will be in Cologne from February 3 to March 31, 2019. If you want to meet him, please contact project [A05](#)!

Reminder: Week of Writing

The [Week of Writing](#) will take place on February 18-22, 2019. Konstantin Freitag will give information on how to use LaTeX.

Traveling to a conference

Almost half of the projects in the SFB is represented at the [DGfS in Bremen](#) taking place on March 6-8 2019: A01, A06, B02, B04, B07, C01, C04, C06



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Katherine Walker (A03, B05) wins DAAD prize

The University of Cologne is awarding the DAAD Prize for outstanding achievements of foreign students studying at German universities to Katherine Walker from the UK. Ms. Walker is currently enrolled in the University of Cologne's MA program in Linguistics. The prize is awarded to foreign students exemplifying academic achievement, service to the community and commitment to intercultural dialogue.

[Here](#) you can read more. Congratulations!

2019 - United Nations Year of Indigenous Languages

Listen to a [WDR 5 interview](#) with **Nikolaus Himmelmann** (A03, B05) about the impacts of colonialism and globalization on the world's languages.

He also was elected a member of [Academia Europaea](#). Congratulations!



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Katja Jasinskaja and Melanie Uth have successfully habilitated. Congratulations!

Katja Jasinskaja's habilitation thesis title is "Questions and goals in the structure of discourse: A new look at coherence relations". Her inaugural lecture in December 2018 was entitled "Contrast in discourse: The ice and fire of civil argument".

Melanie Uth's habilitation thesis title is "Language Contact as a Developmental Co-Determinant between Systems and Exemplars. Spanish and Yucatec Maya in Quintana Roo". Her inaugural lecture in December 2018 was entitled "Chomsky versus Wittgenstein? Über die (Un)Möglichkeit einer inhaltlichen Gegenüberstellung".

2 questions on Arndt Riester's research besides his work as a professoral substitute in the SFB:

What is your research goal?

The goal of my research in general has been to combine exciting aspects of formal pragmatic theories with naturally occurring corpus data and, thus, perhaps to give theoretical linguistic research a bit more street credibility.

What are you currently working on?

The framework I am currently working on is called QUD Trees (Riester et al. 2018). It is a method for the reconstruction of discourse structure which is not primarily based on discourse markers and discourse relations but on implicit questions (a.k.a. Questions under Discussion).

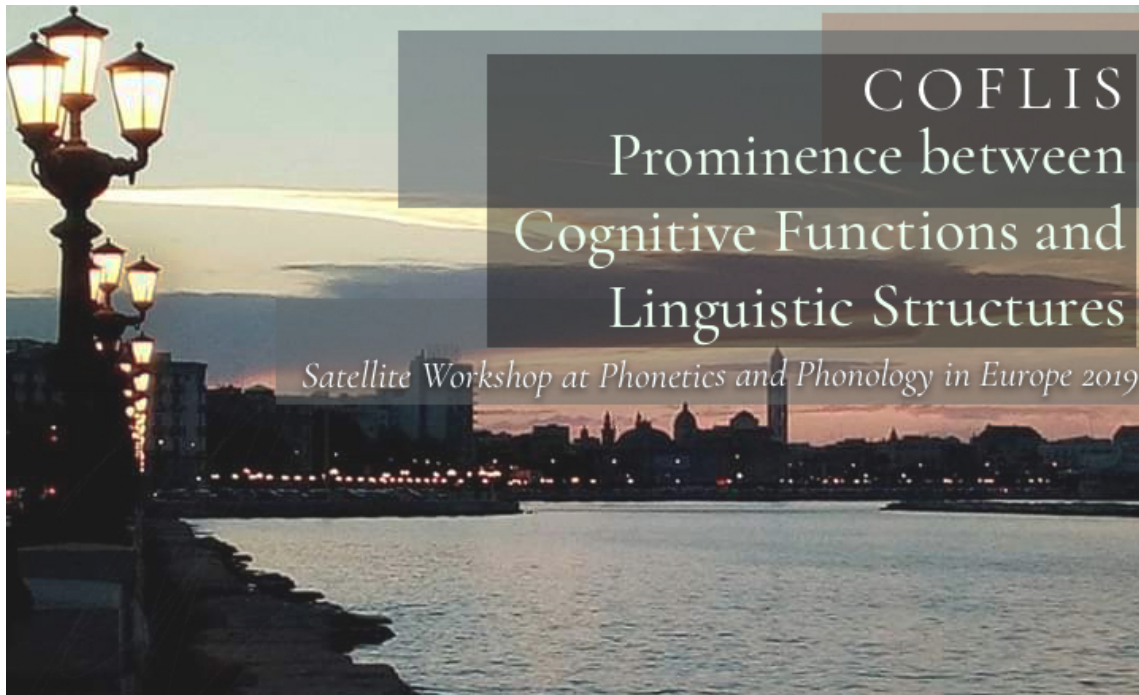
If you want to discuss QUD Trees with Arndt, please visit him on the 4th floor, **room 4.11**.



SFB-Networking February 14-15, 2019 in Potsdam

The first networking meeting between the CRC 1252 Prominence in Language, CRC 1102 Information Density and Linguistic Encoding and CRC 1287 Limits of Variability in Language is coming up **February 14-15, 2019 in Potsdam**. Projects **A01, A02, B06, C07** will discuss their work on language processing with projects from Saarbrücken and Potsdam.

Also, the second networking meeting will focus on notions of discourse and will be held **in Cologne November 14-15, 2019**. Read more on our [web site](#).



Prominence between Cognitive Functions and Linguistic Structures (COFLIS)

In June 2019 **Francesco Cangemi**, **Stefan Baumann** and **Martine Grice** (A02) together with our international faculty member, Michelina Savino, will be organising a satellite workshop at *Phonetics and Phonology in Europe 2019*, promoted by the Association for Laboratory Phonology.

More information [here](#).

Confirmed invited speakers are

Jason Bishop (City University of New York)

Mark Ellison (Australian National University)

Fabio Tamburini (University of Bologna)

Kai Vogeley (University Hospital Cologne)

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Uta Reinöhl (B03) is going to the Johannes-Gutenberg-University Mainz in February 2019 to lead an Emmy-Noether-Group on "Non-hierarchicality in grammar. Construction formation without word class distinction across categories and languages". She will remain PI for B03.

Stefan Hinterwimmer (C05) has taken up a tenured *Akademischer Rat* position at the University of Wuppertal. He will remain PI for C05.

Andreas Brocher (C04) is leaving the SFB in April 2019. Thank you and Goodbye!

Vacancy

We are looking for a new [student assistant](#) (9h/week) to curate our web site. Spread the news!

If you have input for newsletter #12, please send a message to a.wasiri@uni-koeln.de. Thank you!

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