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#12 | We are one team!

Dear all,

We have had a very fruitful start with our communication training "We are a team" with student assistants from our helpdesk, staff members of projects A01, A05, A06, B05 and C02 as well as Klaus von Heusinger, Annalena Wasiri and myself from the management side. Remembering that all our duties, be it on the scientific or administrative side, lead to ONE goal: Making progress for our CRC, so that we all work together as a team! Get an impression of the outcome in this newsletter from Heiko Seeliger.

Annalena Wasiri is on maternity leave and will rejoin the team in January 2020. Meanwhile, we are happy to welcome Michael Remmy who is going to take over part of Annalena's work. Additionally, I am happy to announce that I am going to work fulltime for the SFB-Team from now on. Further, there are two new faces in Team Z as we have won some new support for the website and internal communication: Sandra Langen and André von Schledorn.

You can see that the SFB-team is changing and evolving with the new challenges ahead of us in the next few months, but I am confident that together we will be very successful.

Ana-Laura Lemke

Welcome to the CRC!

What came to your mind when reading about the CRC 1252 Prominence in Language?

A challenging new world I'm looking forward to explore.

What do you like most about working at the University of Cologne?

Working with and meeting people from all around the world in Germany's most pleasant city!

Coffee or tea?

Coffee, preferably in Italy.

Starting June 1st, Michael Remmy will be supporting the CRC as executive manager filling in during Annalena Wasiri's maternity leave. We are looking forward to successful



Michael Remmy

Executive manager (maternity leave substitute)

collaboration!

... always on the move ...



Jacopo Torregrossa (C03) held a positions as Junior Professor for Linguistics at the University of Hamburg from January 2016 until March 2019. In April 2019 he received a professorship at the Department for Romance Language and Literature at the [Goethe-Universität Frankfurt](#). We congratulate him and wish him the very best!

Overview of guests at the HoP in summer 2019

Andrew Kehler

University of California, San Diego (USA)
Mercator Fellow
Duration: July 08-20, 2019
Contact: Petra Schumacher

Bodo Winter

University of Birmingham (UK)
Mercator Fellow
Duration: July 01-26, 2019
Contact: Doris Mücke

T. Mark Ellison

Australian National University (ANU), Canberra
Senior Fellow
Duration: starting September
Contact: Nikolaus Himmelmann

Betül Erbaşı

University of Southern California (USA)
Junior Fellow
Duration: May 21 - July 11, 2019
Contact: Klaus von Heusinger

Zarina Levy-Forsythe

Ben Gurion University (Israel)
Junior Fellow
Duration: until May 25, 2019
Contact: Klaus von Heusinger

Save the Date!

June 26-28, 2019

CRC Retreat in Bad Honnef

June 25-26, July 02, 2019

CRC image film will be shooting

June 25

Location: Laboratories

June 26

Location: CRC Retreat

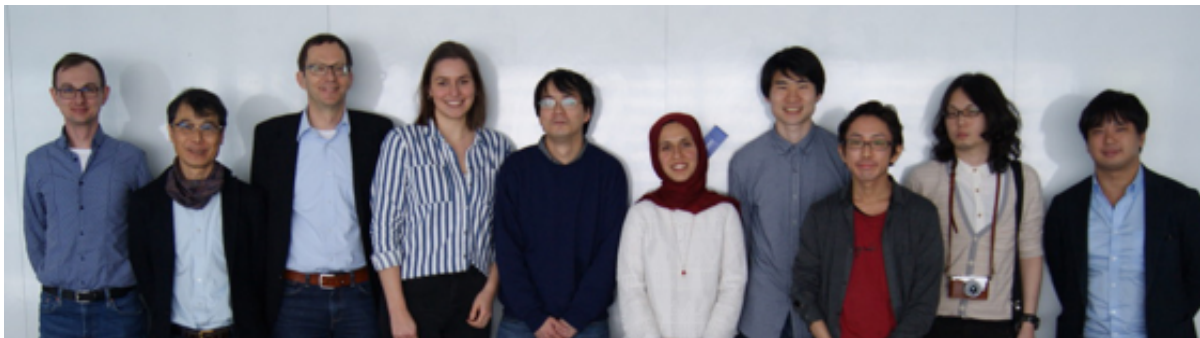
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Location: HoP

Upcoming Conferences, Workshops and Lectures

- **LingCologne 2019: Multimodality**: Conference organized by CCSL; taking place at the University of Cologne, June 6-7, 2019.
- **Prof. Dr. Birgit Hellwig: Inaugural Lecture** on "Language Documentation and Language Acquisition: The Qaqet of Papua New Guinea", June 17, 2019, 6 p.m. in lecture hall VIII (main building).
- **Prof. Dr. Marco García García: Inaugural Lecture** on "Subject prominence and the passive in Spanish", June 17, 2019, 6.45 p.m. in lecture hall VIII (main building).
- **COFLIS: Prominence between Cognitive Functions and Linguistic Structures**: Workshop organized by Martine Grice (A01), Stefan Baumann (A01), Francesco Cangemi (A02) and others; venue: Education Research Centre in Bari, June 20, 2019.
- **Annotation of non-standard corpora: Prospects and challenges**: Workshop organized by Eric Engel (former employee of C01) and Fahime Same (INF); venue: University of Bamberg; including talks by Andreas Witt (INF), Katja Jasinskaja (C06), Fahime Same (INF) and Eric Engel, September 16-18, 2019.

Germanistische Linguistik zwischen Köln und Tokio

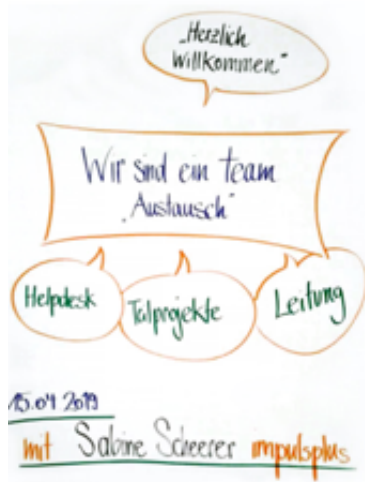


On March 27-28, the fourth instalment of the workshop Germanistische Linguistik zwischen Köln und Tokio ("German Linguistics between Cologne and Tokyo") took place. Cologne's emissaries to Tokyo this year included Klaus von Heusinger, Łukasz Jędrzejowski (associated member), Semra Kizilkaya (B04) and Frederike Weeber (C04). Under the title "The organization of sentences, discourse and reference", the teams from Cologne and Tokyo contrasted and discussed German and Japanese language phenomena.

Die Relevanz von Kommunikation und Austausch 15. April und 13. Mai 2019

Beim Kommunikationstraining und Austausch "Wir sind ein Team" haben die Leitung des SFBs, die Mitarbeiter*innen des Helpdesks und vier Mitarbeiter*innen aus den Teilbereichen teilgenommen. Es ging vor allem darum, die Rollen und Aufgaben dieser drei Gruppen zu reflektieren und im Einnehmen der jeweils anderen Perspektive zu überlegen, was diese für die anderen Gruppen tun kann – aber auch, was diese von einander benötigt.

In einer ansprechenden Mischung aus Theorie und Praxis reflektierten wir unsere persönlichen Aufgaben und Stärken. Wir



lernten, dass Missverständnisse nie kategorisch vermieden werden können, sondern nur durch möglichst klare Formulierung der eigenen Botschaften und durch wohlwollende Auslegung fremder Botschaften minimiert werden können. Generell betonte die Trainerin die Kraft des positiven Denkens: So ist z.B. das Gehirn in einem gewissen Ausmaß programmierbar, indem Sätze ohne Negation formuliert werden. In einer abschließenden Übung trainierten wir den Umgang mit übermäßig harter Kritik – neben Sachlichkeit und Respekt für das Gegenüber ist dabei wichtig, Gemeinsamkeiten herauszustellen, um aus zwei potenziellen Gegnerinnen und Gegnern eine Interessengemeinschaft zu machen.

Das Training endete mit einem Plädoyer für die Einführung einer SFB-weiten Feedbackkultur sowie einer Diskussion unter den Teilnehmer*innen, wie dieses Ziel am besten umzusetzen wäre. Persönlich empfand ich als Mitarbeiter eines Teilbereichs die beiden Events als gewinnbringend aufgrund der Schärfung des Blicks für die Aufgabenverteilung und -vielfalt innerhalb des SFBs.

Heiko Seeliger (A06)

Days of Writing

5th floor at HoP

Fahime Same (INF) and **Sara Meuser (C05)** now offer regular training sessions for the composition of doctoral theses:

- June 13 and 14
- July 4 and 5
- August 1 and 2
- September 5 and 6
- September 26 and 27

All sessions begin at **9 a.m.** and end at **4 p.m.**

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On Monday, 13 May 2019, **Daniel Bunčić** took part in the panel discussion "Rattenfänger, Lügner, Demokraten? Populistische Kommunikation in neuen Medien" as part of the event series **WAHRHEIT, POPULISMUS, INTERNET** (Truth, Populism, Internet). The final event will

take place on July 01, 2019.

Anything new coming up? If you want to be featured in the next newsletter, please drop us line at:
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