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Dear all,

"Prominence for Future" is on the agenda – the CRC Working Group 'Sustainability' gets together to discuss what measures every single one of us can do to contribute to a sustainable and eco-friendly CRC. In order to give the CRC a future, we are working on the proposal for a second phase. The nearest future will be strange – do not be alarmed if you may find yourself sitting next to a clown, unicorn, pirate or lion at the end of February ... it is the "jeck" time of the year as carnival festivities start. For this reason, the help-desk will be closed in the week from February 20-27, 2020.

An exciting year lies ahead of us and I have the secure feeling: the future looks bright!

All the best for the jeck times of the year,

Eva Mika

Working Group Sustainability 🌱

The Kick-off Meeting took place on December 18, 2019 at the HoP. The working group met again at the end of January. Frederike Weeber (C04) joined the group, "because it is a topic which is important to me and I think that it should also be addressed in the work environment - especially in a research institution." Max Hörl (INF) explains: "I think it does not make sense to go through great lengths to reducing CO2 emissions in our personal lives and at the same time not even try to do this at work. After all, work is a very relevant part of our lives." In the last meeting, different ideas to make the CRC more sustainable were discussed, alongside resources already available for best practice. The latest outcome addresses the structure – the group formed subgroups for the topics of mobility/travel, office life and IT. Max summarizes: "We discussed some of the approaches within these target areas, as we had collected additional information in the meantime." Stay tuned for news about the next meetings and reports of progress via e-mail and the CRC-Newsletter. All interested in working on this topic and/or in one of the subgroups are

cordially invited! For more information please contact simon.roessig@uni-koeln.de.

Process 2nd funding phase

DONE 🙌

- Project proposals
- Feedback & editing project proposals and CVs, part I

TO-DOs 🍊

- **February 24:** Feedback & editing project proposals and CVs, part II
- **End of March:** Print of proposal
- **May 18:** Internal meeting regarding the On-site DFG-visit, afterwards Vernissage of the CRC-Exhibition
- **June 8:** Rehearsal DFG-Visit
- **June 15:** Rehearsal DFG-Talks
- **June 23 + 24:** On-site DFG-Visit

In the leading role: the CRC 🎬 🎪



And the Oscar goes to...

... the CRC-image films part 1-4!

You can find them now on the [YouTube-Channel](#) of the University of Cologne - feel free to share and like them. The general image film about the CRC is also on our [CRC-homepage](#).

Guest at the HoP 🙌 🙌



3 Qs for Junior Fellow [Yuto Yamazaki](#), guest researcher at the CRC from 27 January to 17 February, 2020. Welcome, Yuto!

1. In the time you are not doing research on German DO-Clefts... do you have any hobbies?
Cooking! Unfamiliar food, new cookware, a recipe book and a great meal make me happy.

2. What is your favorite German word and why?
'es'. It provoked my interest in German and tempted me into linguistics. I am crazy about middle construction, correlations and (pseudo-)cleft sentences.

3. In the morning: coffee or tea?
Coffee. If possible, espresso.

New help-desk



For those who just sense a difference at the help-desk – your gut feeling is right. The room had a changeover. Student assistant Isabella likes the room better now: "I have the feeling the help-desk became more welcoming with the open reception". Muzamal, our IT-student assistant, also moved from the 3rd floor to the help-desk. We now have all services under one roof to answer all of your questions!

Office hours:

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CRC on the road, part I

For their theses Maria Bardají i Farré (B05) and Christoph Bracks (A03) carried out field research for around 3 months in Tolitoli Regency, which is in the North of Central Sulawesi, Indonesia. Beside adding new data to the corpus of the Totoli language, they could also elicit several aspects of the grammar. As a novelty, they built up from scratch a corpus of child language and child-directed speech. Working together with Birgit Hellwig and Henrike Frye, experts on child language documentation with the Qaqet people in Papua, helped with this new endeavour. They managed to get many hours of recordings – and took photos, which brighten up the grey February.





CRC on the road, part II



The event series "Wissenschaft im Rathaus" (Science in the City Hall) brings together Cologne-based researchers to inform citizens about interesting topics from the sciences. On January 13, 2020 Christiane M. Bongartz (C03) picked up on [language change](#), discussing how multilingualism influences the German language.



On January 20, 2020 Anna Bonifazi gave her public inaugural lecture, which is also the final talk of this semester's CCLS Lecture Series, on what ancient Greek particles tell us about language use.



The CRC will be presenting in two AGs at the [Annual Meeting of the German Linguistics Society](#) (DGfS) from 4-6 March, 2020 in Hamburg: with AG 7 "Approaching linguistic diversity from an evolutionary perspective: Towards a typology of future tenses", Martin Becker, Eugen Hill et al., as well as with AG 16: "Diversität und Prädiktion in der Sprachverarbeitung: Welchen Einfluss haben Sprecher, Text und Methode?" with Franziska Kretzschmar, Ingmar Brilmayer et al.

Staff news



Lucia Madro, student assistant at the help-desk, is back at the CRC after her internship in Australia. Welcome back!

Recent publications

- Baumann, Stefan & Petra B. Schumacher. 2020. [The incremental processing of focus](#), givenness and prosodic prominence. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 5(1): 6. 1–30.
 - For further accepted/ in print publications, please click [here](#).
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Anything new coming up? If you want to be featured in the next newsletter, please drop us a line at: emika@uni-koeln.de or tell Eva Mika your news personally.

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