

Current research on vocabulary learning: constructs, metrics, and methods



Workshop

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Thursday-Friday 24 - 25/11/2022

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In this workshop we discuss ongoing research on vocabulary learning. Our invited guest, Benjamin Kremmel from the University of Innsbruck, specializes in language testing with a particular focus on vocabulary. We invite doctoral students and other early career researchers to present their ongoing research and discuss their current questions regarding vocabulary related constructs, metrics, and analyses.

Program

Part I - Thursday 24/11

- 13.15 Welcome & introduction
- 13.30 Presentation and discussion of current problems regarding vocabulary (learning, testing) in the project 'Digital translation tools in foreign language teaching and learning' (Isabelle Udry & Raphael Berthele)
- 14.30 Coffee break
- 15.00 Discussion of (doctoral) project(s) I
- 16.00 Wrapping up of Part I
- 16.15 End of Part I

- 17.15 **Guest lecture by Benjamin Kremmel:**
Impossible constructs? – Issues in operationalizing constructs and validating measurement instruments in multilingualism research

Evening Workshop-conference dinner (on registration)

Part II - Friday 25/11

- 09.00 Measuring vocabulary learning: methodological issues, options, and implications (Talk by Benjamin Kremmel)
- 09.30 Discussion
- 10.15 Coffee break
- 10.45 Discussion of (doctoral) projects II
- 11.45 Wrapping up of Part II
- 12.00 End of Part II and lunch



PhD programme on Multilingualism

The event is part of the doctoral programme Multilingualism: Acquisition, Education, and Society (more information here: <https://institut-plurilinguisme.ch/fr/programme-doctoral>)

Participation

Students and PhD students from Swiss Universities are eligible to participate.

Contact & Registration

To register, please send a short description of your research project or your specific questions regarding the workshop (250-500 words) to Dr. Philippe Humbert (philippe.humbert@unifr.ch) by **November 16, 2022**.

Biography

Dr. Benjamin Kremmel has been a lecturer and researcher at the Faculty of Teacher Education, University of Innsbruck, since 2011, and acts as the head of the Language Testing Research Group Innsbruck. He completed his M.A. degree in English Language Teaching at Innsbruck University and another M.A. in Language Testing at Lancaster University, UK. He also holds a PhD in Applied Linguistics from the University of Nottingham, UK. His research interests include vocabulary assessment, language assessment literacy, and SLA. His work has been published in Applied Linguistics, Language Testing, Language Assessment Quarterly, Studies in Second Language Acquisition, Language Teaching, and TESOL Quarterly, and he is a co-author of the recently published volume "Research methods in vocabulary studies". Benjamin Kremmel is also the recipient of the 2023 TOEFL Essentials New Scholar Award. For more information: <https://www.uibk.ac.at/dis/ltrgi/> or <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Benjamin-Kremmel>

