Workshop: Endless questions and never ending questioning – Coming to grips with challenges faced in doctoral research projects

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Chair: Prof. Dr. Raphael Berthele, Université de Fribourg

In this workshop, we do not focus on a specific topic but on the general challenges doctoral students face in different stages of their research. Our external interlocutor is Jan Hulstijn from the University of Amsterdam, both a distinguished and experienced scholar, who will react to the doctoral students’ reports on the current state of their research. In two short talks, Jan Hulstijn and Raphael Berthele will address some issues that seem important from the point of view of doctoral supervisors. The workshop will be held in English.

Programme

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019

14.00 Welcome
14.05 Opening Remarks by Prof. J. Hulstijn: "Planning a doctoral project: Distilling over-abundance of research questions into an achievable enterprise"
14.30 PhD Presentations
16.15 End of Part I
17.15 Public Lecture by J. Hulstijn (K0.02)

Friday, Oct. 11, 2019

09.00 Welcome and Opening Remarks by Prof. R. Berthele: "Growing thesis – growing list of questions: Taming the spreading complexification"
09.15 PhD Presentations
12.00 End of Part II

Participation

Doctoral students of the programme’s partner universities (Fribourg, Berne, and Lausanne) are eligible to participate. Students from other Swiss universities may participate depending on places available.

Registration

To register (with or without a presentation), please contact Dr. Naomi Shafer (naomi.shafer@unifr.ch) by Sept. 20, 2019.

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PhD programme on Multilingualism

The event is part of the doctoral programme Multilingualism: Acquisition, Education, and Society. It is organized by the Institute of Multilingualism and the study domain Multilingualism and foreign languages at the University of Fribourg and carried out in close collaboration with the Center for the Study of Language and Society of the University of Bern and with professors from the University of Lausanne.

Venue

Institute of Multilingualism, Murtengasse 24 / Rue de Morat 24, 1700 Fribourg, Room K1.03
Jan Hulstijn is professor emeritus of second language acquisition at the Amsterdam Center for Language and Communication (ACLC) of the University of Amsterdam.

He has been affiliated with this university (full professor) since 1998. Before that he held positions at Leiden University and the Free University of Amsterdam. He was associate post-doc researcher at the University of Toronto, Canada (1982-1983) and he was visiting professor at the University of Leuven, Belgium, (2002) and at Stockholm University (2005). His main research interests are concerned with (1) language proficiency in native and non-native speakers; (2) explicit versus implicit accounts of first and second language learning and (3) theories of second language acquisition and philosophy of science.

With others PIs, he received a number of research grants from the Netherlands Organisation of Scientific Research (NWO) between 1982 and 2007. In 2018 he received the 2018 distinguished scholar award from the European Second Language Association (EuroSLA). In 2015, he published a book presenting his theory of basic language cognition (BLC).

His publication list can be downloaded from his webpage: http://www.uva.nl/profile/j.h.hulstijn.