

PhD Day

Guest Lecture

The HPSL-Basel-Freiburg is happy to announce a PhD day with



Prof. Janet Holmes

(Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand)

Friday, 25 May 2012, 12:15 – 17:00h

Englisches Seminar, Grosser Hörsaal, Nadelberg 6

Public Lecture: “Understanding intercultural interaction at work:
Some benefits from workplace discourse research”

followed by a

Workshop “Accessing the workplace: Experience from a long-term
project” and “Doing being a PhD student in sociolinguistics”

Students attending the PhD day (1 credit point) are expected to do
some preparatory reading and to attend both parts of the day. **Please
register** by writing to Nicole.Hoehn@unibas.ch by 15 April 2012.

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Understanding intercultural interaction at work: Some benefits from workplace discourse research

Over the last few decades, New Zealanders have increasingly begun to perceive their country as a relatively diverse and multicultural society. People migrating to New Zealand often find, however, that their experience does not always live up to this rhetoric. Drawing on a theoretical model developed to analyse workplace discourse in its wider socio-cultural context (Holmes, Marra and Vine 2011), and data from intercultural interactions between migrants and their workplace mentors, this paper identifies evidence of the attitudes of New Zealanders towards skilled migrants as they enter the professional New Zealand workforce. The implications of the analysis for intercultural relations are also discussed.

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Workshop

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Accessing the workplace: Experience from a long-term project

This report will provide background information on the Language in the Workplace (www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/lwp/) project and will share experience on how to access and maintain the contact with the workplace teams, how to deal with the longterm nature of the project, etc.

followed by

Doing being a PhD student in sociolinguistics

This workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss the challenges of embarking on PhD study, including how to get started, how to manage your supervisor, and how to keep writing through thick and thin.

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Janet Holmes holds a personal Chair in Linguistics at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. She teaches sociolinguistics courses, specialising in language in the workplace, New Zealand English, and language and gender issues. She was Director of the project which produced the Wellington Corpus of Spoken New Zealand English which is available on CD-ROM, and she is currently Director of the Wellington Language in the Workplace project, an ongoing study of communication in the workplace which has described humour, management strategies, directives, and leadership in a wide range of New Zealand workplaces. (See www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/lwp). She was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand in 1994. In the early 1990s, with Allan Bell and Mary Boyce, she conducted a social dialect survey in the Wellington area. Her publications include a textbook, *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics*, now in its third edition, a book of readings, *Sociolinguistics*, co-edited with John Pride, the first book of sociolinguistic and pragmatic articles on New Zealand English, *New Zealand Ways of Speaking English*, co-edited with Allan Bell, several books on language and gender, including *Gendered Talk at Work*, *Women, Men and Politeness*, the *Blackwell Handbook of Language and Gender*, co-edited with Miriam Meyerhoff, and an edited collection of papers *Gendered Speech in Social Context*. She has also published on a range of sociolinguistic and pragmatics topics, including New Zealand English, New Zealand women's usage, sexist language, pragmatic particles and hedges, compliments, apologies, disagreement, humour and small talk, and many other aspects of workplace discourse.

(<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/about/staff/janet-holmes>)



Location

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Englisches Seminar
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CH-4051 Basel
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From Bahnhof SBB train station (= Swiss railway station):
Take tram # 8 direction Kleinhüningen
Get off at 'Marktplatz'
Walk up Sattelgasse, then up (steep) Imbergässlein until it hits Nadelberg
Turn right and walk up Nadelberg
The Englisches Seminar ("Schönes Haus") is on the left hand side after 20 m

From Badischer Bahnhof train station (= German railway station):
Take tram # 6 direction Allschwil
Get off at 'Marktplatz'
See above

From the airport
Take Bus # 50 direction Basel Bahnhof SBB
Get off at 'Basel Bahnhof SBB'
Take Tram # 6 direction Riehen Grenze
Get off at 'Marktplatz'
See above

Tram Stop 'Marktplatz'

