

This is the first double issue of the newsletter of the *Hermann Paul School of Linguistics*. The newsletter appears twice a year and is compiled by Dr. Monika Edith Schulz, coordinator of the HPSL in Freiburg. We wish you a pleasant read!

Hermann Paul School of Linguistics Basel - Freiburg (i.Br.)

An international PhD program in linguistics

A joint venture of the universities of Basel und Freiburg.



The **Hermann Paul School of Linguistics Basel-Freiburg (HPSL)** provides an **international** and **interdisciplinary** program in state-of-the-art research in language sciences. The concept of the school was developed in close collaboration between the participating institutions and researchers, and builds on our experience with different formats of PhD programs that have received support from various funding agencies (e.g. German Research Foundation, Swiss National Science Foundation).

The HPSL promotes research in a **variety of disciplines**, and builds on the expertise of well-established researchers from both universities and their international networks. We acknowledge the different hiring and qualification policies in the fields involved and aim to teach to the best research, presentation and publication standards, ensuring that our PhD candidates and Postdocs have the qualifications they need for the job market.

At the same time, we **bridge the boundaries** between subjects, methods, and traditions to create a vibrant atmosphere of true interdisciplinary exchange and inspiration for PhD candidates, post-docs and professors. A total of **95 doctoral students** (60 of which are female and 35 male) are currently being supervised within the HPSL. On the following pages we would like to introduce to you several members of the HPSL Basel-Freiburg and some of the current events.

This edition of the newsletter focuses on the **new structured doctorate programs** within the HPSL and introduces our new PhD scholarship holders. It also offers a review of HPSL workshops, master tutorials and summer schools in 2012, an overview of PhD theses completed in 2011 and 2012, and information on **funding opportunities** at the HPSL. We wish you a pleasant read!

On behalf of the boards,

Prof. Dr. Heike Behrens (Basel), Prof. Dr. Stefan Pfänder (Freiburg)



New faces: HPSL scholarships

In order to promote **international cooperation**, the Universities of Basel and Freiburg have awarded the HPSL a total of twelve PhD scholarships starting in 2012, 2013 and 2014. The Hermann Paul Scholarships in Linguistics Basel-Freiburg were first offered in 2012. The selection committee with equal representation of professors from both Basel and Freiburg chose four candidates from 37 top-class national and international applications, including Insa Jennifer Klemme (Freiburg), Franziska Thurnherr (Basel), Sonia Feijóo Rodriguez (Freiburg) and Vanessa Simili (Basel).



Insa Jennifer Klemme

Insa Jennifer Klemme (Slavic and Islamic studies, Prof. Dr. Juliane Besters-Dilger) has been a PhD candidate at the HPSL since September 2012. Her project titled *Inner- (und außer-) slavische Kontakt- und Variationsphänomene in (interdependenten) Handschriften der polnisch-litauischen Tataren* deals with Arab-Slavic, Turkish-Slavic and Persian-Slavic language contact phenomena in four Polish-Lithuanian Tartar manuscripts.



Franziska Thurnherr

Franziska Thurnherr (English studies, Prof. Dr. Miriam Locher) has been a PhD candidate at the HPSL since September 2012. Her project *Relational Work in Email Therapy* investigates the discursive development of patient-therapist relationships in E-mail communication, drawing on concepts of *relational work* in discourse and social practices. She also examines the connection between *relational work* and identity construction.



Sonia Feijóo Rodriguez

Sonia Feijóo Rodriguez (English studies, Prof. Dr. Brigitte Halford) has been a PhD candidate at the HPSL since September 2012. Her project *Code switching in Gibraltar* traces identity concepts in the island's inhabitants' everyday language use. On the basis of interviews, voice recordings and daily linguistic biographies, she examines whether and how speakers use code switching between English and Spanish to position and identify themselves in conversation.



Vanessa Simili

Vanessa Simili (Italian studies, Prof. Dr. Lorenza Mondada) has been a PhD candidate at the HPSL since September 2012. Her project *Die sprachliche Konstruktion einer anderen Identität: Terzos in der Schweiz* investigates the construction of a spoken identity of *differentness* amongst third generation Italian migrants. The communicative construction of this identity and the resulting linguistic self-image are examined with recourse to self-representations

New faces: professors



Prof. Dr. Lorenza Mondada

Lorenza Mondada has been an **Ordinaria for the Department of French and General Linguistics at the University of Basel** since January 2012. Her research focuses on interactional linguistics, conversation analysis, language and corporeality, and the organization of interaction, cognition and social behaviour. She is a renowned specialist in the area of interaction and has recently received funding for a project on *Speaking in Public*, supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation (cf. page 7).



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Adriana Hanulíková

Adriana Hanulíková will be working as **junior professor of German linguistics for the German Department of the University of Freiburg** from March 1st 2013. Her work focuses on language processing and word recognition in spoken language, language segmentation, neurocognition, bilingualism and phonetics. In 2011 she was awarded the Jerrold J. Katz prize for her paper *When grammatical errors do not matter: An ERP study on the effect of foreign-accent on syntactic processing* (with Petra van Alphen and Merel van Goch).

New faces: professors



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Friedemann Vogel

Friedemann Vogel was hired as a **junior professor for media linguistics at the *Institut für Medienkulturwissenschaft* at the University of Freiburg** in July 2012. He has received training in linguistics, media and cultural studies and completed his PhD in legal linguistics in 2011. His current research interests include linguistic discourse and image analysis, corpus linguistics, conflict linguistics and Internet communication.



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Anna Meiser

Anna Meiser has been working as a **junior professor for Ethnology at the University of Freiburg** since October 2012. She completed her PhD on the logic of transcultural processes observed within Christian Achuar and Shuar tribes in the northern Amazon in 2011. Her current research focuses on transcultural phenomena, cultural identity, cultural assimilation, transformation processes and indigenous tourism.

New faces: *Promotionskolleg Empirische Linguistik*

The *Promotionskolleg Empirische Linguistik* (PEL) has been an integral part of the HPSL since 2008. PEL is funded by the graduate funding initiative of Baden-Württemberg and provides an interdisciplinary framework for a total of 16 PhD candidates whose theses focus on methodological and/or theoretical aspects of empirical work in linguistics:

Jana Brenning (German Studies, *Syntaktische Konstruktionen im gesprochenen Deutsch*), Alexandra Duppé (Romance studies, *Text and Trance*), Michael Percillier (English studies, *New Varieties of English in Hong Kong and Malaysia*), Michaela Hügel (Romance studies, *Wenn Familien sich und andere Geschichten erzählen*), Martin Pfeiffer (German studies, *The Syntax of self-repair in German*), Natalia Ilin (English studies, *Perception of Mistakes and their Gravity in L1 and L2*), Susanne Gundermann (English studies, *English as a Lingua Franca: Modelling the Role of the Native Speaker*), Johanna Holz (English studies, *Dialect levelling and koinéisation in early 20th century Britain*), Christian Lang (Scandinavian studies, *Dimension der Zeit – eine empirische Untersuchung der Semantik von Nachzeitigkeitsmarkierungen*), Lisa Schäfer (Psychologie, *Gesicht, Identität und Sprache*), Verena Schröter (English studies, *Zero subjects, topicalization and information structure in contact varieties of English*), Thilo Weber (German studies, *Periphrastic do in Low German – Diachronic and Typological Aspects*), and Oleksandra Inglis (Slavic studies, *Language questions in the educational system in Mkolaivs'ka Oblast'. Ukraine in the period of 2005-2012*).

The PhD candidates work on their topics from a linguistic, cultural, sociological, psychological, cognitive or ethnological perspective. All theses share an **empirical orientation**. The projects are concerned with issues of methodology or of the relation of linguistic theories to the empirical base. In 2012 three PhD candidates received PEL scholarships: Yinchun Bai (English studies), Anne Karina Feldmeth (Cognitive science) and Elisa Tavares (Romance studies and Ethnology).



Yinchun Bai

Yinchun Bai (English studies, Prof. Dr. Bernd Kortmann, Prof. Dr. Johan van der Auwera) has been a PhD candidate at the HPSL *Promotionskolleg Empirische Linguistik* since October 2012. Her project *Towards Discourse Markers. A Cross-linguistics Study of Grammatical Constructionalization* investigates the diachronic development and cross-linguistic characteristics of English, German and Chinese discourse markers. It is supervised jointly at the Universities of Freiburg and Antwerp.



Anne Karina Feldmeth

Anne Karina Feldmeth (Cognitive Science, Prof. Dr. Lars Konieczny) has been a PhD candidate at the HPSL *Promotionskolleg Empirische Linguistik* since October 2012. Her project *Identifikation und Perspektivnahme im Aufbau von Situationsmodellen* is situated at the interface of cognitive science and psycholinguistics. It studies the identification of one discourse participant with various other discourse participants within the context of embodied cognition.



Elisa Tavares

Elisa Tavares (Ethnology and Romance studies, Jun.-Prof. Dr. Anna Meiser, Prof. Dr. Stefan Pfänder) has been a PhD candidate at the HPSL *Promotionskolleg Empirische Linguistik* since October 2012. Her project *Identität, Pluralität, Authentizität: Tradition und Moderne im kreolischen Batuku Kap Verdes* is situated at the interface of linguistics and ethnology and examines the difference between traditional and modern *Batuku* (*batuque*), a Cap Verdean variety of dance and song.

HPSL events 2012: an overview

The HPSL offered an attractive program of events in 2012, including lectures, workshops, summer schools and research visitors from all over the world – only a select few can be mentioned here.

From February 24th-25th, HPSL members Dr. Elke Schmann and Lisa Schäfer (PhD candidate *Promotionskolleg Empirische Linguistik*) organized an interdisciplinary workshop on the topic **Verkörperte Sprache – Versprachlichte Körper (Embodied Language – Verbalized Bodies)**. Linguists, doctors, philosophers and psychologists came together to discuss the nature of the interaction and mutual reference between linguistic and physical means of expression in the areas of nonverbal communication and positioning in identity spaces.

The special research training group on *Frequency Effects in Language* (GRK 1624) hosted a workshop on the topic **Contact, Variation and Change** with Prof. Dr. Shana Poplack (Ottawa) from April 23rd – 27th. The workshop offered the HPSL PhD candidates and postdocs the unique opportunity to exchange ideas with one of the most prominent researchers in the field of language contact.

A workshop for PhD candidates on the topic **Corpora and Language Patterns** took place in Basel from June 5th -6th 2012. Dr. Ute Römer (Atlanta) offered a practical introduction to corpus analysis and corpus-based phraseology and led a hands-on data session developing model analyses of high-frequency phraseological elements with the participants.

Prof. Dr. Miriam Locher (Basel) and Dr. Brook Bolander (Zürich) organized an international summer school **Research on computer-mediated communication in linguistics** from June 17th-23rd 2012, offering PhD candidates and advanced M.A. students the opportunity to study in depth the latest theoretical and methodological developments in CMC (report on page 5).

A series of lectures called **Frequenzeffekte in der Sprache (Frequency Effects in Language)** started at Freiburg University on October 29th. The first generation of PhD candidates within the special research training group *Frequency Effects in Language* have been co-presenting the results of their theses together with their supervisors.

Finally, FRIAS-fellows Prof. Dr. Herbert Clark and Prof. Dr. Eve Clark (both Stanford) presented their work at the workshops **Using Language** and **Alignment in Interaction** in Basel on November 9th and 30th.

The broad variety of topics and formats of events at the HPSL offers all PhD candidates and postdocs the opportunity to participate in and actively shape the linguistic curriculum. A current overview of all HPSL events can be found on our homepage at www.hpsl-linguistics.org/events.

Feedback regarding the HPSL program will be presented in the next newsletter, where we will report on the first results of a pilot study on education and career paths of HPSL members.

HPSL summer schools

In 2012, the HPSL offered two very successful linguistic summer schools.

Prof. Dr. Martin Hilpert (Freiburg) organized a spring school on the topic **Empirical Methods in Cognitive Linguistics (EMCL)**. From June 17th-23rd, Prof. Dr. Miriam Locher (Basel) and Brook Bolander (Basel) organized the above mentioned summer school **Research on computer-mediated communication in linguistics (RCMCL)** in Ascona (report on page 5).

Four linguistic summer schools will be offered in 2013. The English Department of the University of Freiburg will host the first linguistic spring school of the International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE) from April 15th-19th 2013.

The summer school is offered in cooperation with the FRIAS and the HPSL and will focus on **Englishes in a Multilingual World: New Dynamics of Variation, Contact and Change** (contact person Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Christian Mair).

Three additional summer schools are offered on **Language and Interaction** (contact person Prof. Dr. Lorenza Mondada, Basel), **Language and Cognition** (contact person Prof. Dr. Heike Behrens, Basel) and **Corpora and tools in linguistics, languages and speech** (July 3rd – 5th 2013, contact person Prof. Dr. Aria Adli, HPSL, University of Strasbourg). Further information regarding these events will be provided in the next newsletter.

HPSL summer school 2012: Brook Bolander reports

From June 17th-23rd, 2012, Prof. Dr. Miriam Locher and I hosted an **international summer school entitled Research on computer-mediated communication in linguistics (RCMCL) in Ascona, Moscia**. The school catered to advanced MA and PhD students already working on computer-mediated communication, and had three specific aims:

- To discuss cutting edge theoretical literature on methodologies in CMC/CMD.
- To provide students with a set of tools to aid them in the preparation and analysis of CMC data.
- To give students a chance to introduce their own research projects and discuss methodological challenges (with both other students and staff).

Seven teachers agreed to participate in the summer school, and to teach both an input session (morning), a workshop session (afternoon), and be part of a focus group session (evening): Daniel Alcón (University of Freiburg), Jannis Androutsopoulos (University of Hamburg), Michael Beisswenger (University of Dortmund), Brook Bolander (University of Basel, now Zürich), Andreas H. Jucker (University of Zürich), Miriam Locher (University of Basel) and Annette Markham (University of Arizona). Overall, there were 31 students from around the world, from Europe, South America, Australasia, and North America. The school was sponsored by the HPSL Basel-Freiburg, the Department of English of the University of Basel, and ThinkSwiss.

In the course of the week, the students were given access to key scholars in the field of CMC in workshops and, crucially, also on a one-on-one basis, they were able to exchange ideas and give one another support and critical feedback in a non-threatening way, they received tailored feedback on their research projects, and they were able to study in a learning environment that facilitates respectful encounters with other ideas and methodologies. In the input and workshop sessions students and instructors discussed new developments in the field, and dealt with challenges regarding data and methodology.

Key issues which surfaced time and again related to issues of multimodality and the question of how linguists can attempt to code and analyse multimodal data sets. Another set of important issues included ethics and what is considered appropriate conduct in various computer-mediated settings, the interrelationships between offline and online settings and the implications of the relationship for questions of data and methodology; large data corpora and how a consistent and coherent language for annotating such data can be developed.

In addition we discussed how methodologies can be mixed, and how linguists can make use of methodologies from other disciplines. These are major issues which have begun to be treated in the newest research literature, and deserving of a central place in our discussions of how to study language use in computer-mediated settings.

Through these discussions the teachers also learned a lot, and profited from one another and from the students. I, Brook Bolander, was a PhD student at the time Miriam Locher and I began organising this summer school. We had been working on computer-mediated communication together for some time already and often had discussions about methodology and the methodological challenges computer-mediated environments posed for linguists.



These discussions and the realisation that matters of data and methodology do not receive priority in publications on electronic discourse triggered the idea of launching the summer school, which we subsequently developed and organised together. I gained a lot of knowledge during the organisation process, including knowledge on how to secure sponsorship and funding, how and where to advertise such events, how to find quality accommodation with the appropriate infrastructure for the event in question, how to compile a program which would cater to different levels (MA, PhD students at different stages in their research projects) and different research foci, and which would moreover train different skills so as to fulfil the various aims we had when launching the school. In addition, I profited immensely from having organised this summer school as a team with Miriam Locher, from whom I learnt a lot during the preparation and implementation process.

HPSL master tutorials

Cooperation and joint events with the FRIAS fellows have always been an enrichment for the HPSL. The international workshops with renowned researchers such as Prof. Dr. Jan Ola Östmann (Discourse and Grammar, 2008), Prof. Dr. Lourdes Ortega (Transfer, individual differences and frequency in Second Language Acquisition, 2010), Prof. Dr. Jeff Siegel (The Emergence of Contact Languages, 2011), and Prof. Dr. Jannis Androutsopoulos (Computer Mediated Communication, 2012), among others, offered PhD candidates the unique opportunity to approach and talk to **international experts** in the field.

The following fellows will be **FRIAS guests in 2012 and 2013**: Dr. Milhailo Antovic, Dr. Matt Garley, Prof. Dr. Ulrike Gut, Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Gülich, Prof. Dr. Ludwig Jäger, Dr. Kristian Mortensen, Prof. Dr. John Nerbonne and Prof. Dr. Jeff Siegel. The Fellows can be contacted for workshops via the coordinator for the HPSL in Freiburg, Dr. Monika Schulz (monika.schulz@hpsl.uni-freiburg.de). A full list of all FRIAS fellows can be found on the FRIAS homepage: http://www.frias.uni-freiburg.de/lang_and_lit/fellows?set_language=de.

HPSL Master Tutorial: Andrea Moll reports

On July 26th 2012, a HPSL master tutorial on the topic **Computer Mediated Communication** took place with FRIAS fellow Prof. Dr. Jannis K. Androutsopoulos, one of the most renowned researchers in the area of computer mediated communication.

Recent studies have shown that the empirical analysis of computer mediated communication calls for a fresh perspective on traditional sociolinguistic concepts and research methods in a variety of theoretical and empirical research areas.

Cases in point include theoretical constructs such as the *online community*, the often stylistic use of a more or less *authentic* vernacular, as well as the creation of corpora by means of Facebook and online forum data, to name but a few. The discussion and evaluation of these complex and controversial issues on the basis of current research made for a **highly interactive** and stimulating master tutorial providing PhD candidates with new input for their theses.

HPSL book series

The HPSL and the Freiburg University Library are cooperating on the open access book series **NIHIN, New Ideas in Interaction**. The sub-series **NIHIN studies** offers PhD candidates the opportunity to publish their theses on the University Library server, in correspondence with the latest guidelines for the archival storage and provision of digital media, and complete with an ISBN.

In addition, corpora of spoken language can be made available to the public in the sub-series **NIHIN stories**. Both sub-series allow for the integration of audio and video material and are complemented by a mini-edition of up to 150 hard copies for the authors. Prototypes for both *NIHIN studies* and *NIHIN stories* were published in 2012. The HPSL and the Freiburg University Library are currently funding 2 scholarships in 2012 and 2013 to cover printing costs.

The application deadline is November 5th 2012. Information regarding the application procedure can be found on the HPSL homepage: www.hpsl-linguistics.org/scholarships.

HPSL research grants

PhD candidates in linguistics at the Universities of Freiburg and Basel can apply for **research grants** of 600-800 € / 2.000 Swiss Francs. Between 8 and 10 of these research grants are awarded annually, based on a competitive application process.

PhD candidates can apply for grants to cover **travel costs** to conferences where they will present a paper or a poster, as well as for **financial support** for field research, incentives, data analysts, self-organized workshops and the purchase of specialized literature or electronic equipment.

The following PhD candidates have received research grants from the HPSL in 2011 and 2012:

Brook Bolander, Jana Brenning, Mireia Casanya, Anastasia Cobet, Gabriela Diaconu, Katharina Ehret, Imke Franzmeier, Ina Hörmeyer, Olga Iljina, Boniface Nkombong, Vera Mundwiler, Martin Pfeiffer, Jacqueline Reber, Sonia Feijóo Rodriguez, Mario Soto Rodriguez, Elisa Tavares, Thilo Weber and Sascha Wolfer. Congratulations!

Externally funded projects

The HPSL does not only provide **networking opportunities** for PhD candidates – postdocs and professors also profit from the extensive linguistic networks at Freiburg and Basel. Joint applications for third-party funding are a visible result of these opportunities and provide **additional prospects for PhD candidates**. In return for structural support by the HPSL during the application phase, project leaders of successful applications offer internships for PhD candidates during the funding phase. These internships are an added bonus within graduate training, as they enable PhD candidates to broaden their linguistic portfolio and do not burden them with extensive responsibilities or a delay in the completion of their theses. Interested HPSL candidates may contact the project leaders of the externally funded projects listed below.

- **Auswirkungen der Staatsgrenze auf die Sprachsituation am Oberrheingebiet** (Prof. Dr. Peter Auer, Universität Freiburg, DFG und ANR, mit Prof. Dr. Dominique Huck vom Institut de Dialectologie der Universität Straßburg/Frankreich)
- **Das Verhältnis zwischen Grammatik und Gebrauch: Nullsubjekte und Subjektpositionen** (Prof. Dr. Aria Adli, Universität Straßburg)
- **Interaktive Bedingungen unterstützter Kommunikation bei schwerer infantiler Cerebralparese** (Prof. Dr. Peter Auer, Universität Freiburg, DFG, zusammen mit Prof. Dr. Gregor Renner, Katholische Hochschule Freiburg, Zentrum für Unterstützte Kommunikation)
- **Language and health online** (Prof. Dr. Miriam Locher, Universität Basel, SNF)
- **Life (Beyond) Writing: Illness Narratives** (Prof. Dr. Miriam Locher, Universität Basel, SNF)
- **Namenbuch der Nordwestschweiz** (Prof. Dr. Annelies Häcki-Buhofer, Universität Basel, SNF, CMS, GGG, FAG und weitere)
- **Region, Nation and Beyond. An Interdisciplinary and Transcultural Reconceptualization of Ukraine** (Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schmid, St. Gallen, Prof. Dr. Juliane Besters-Dilger, Universität Freiburg, SNF, DFG, FWF)
- **Speaking in public: Social interactions within large groups** (Prof. Dr. Lorenza Mondada, Universität Basel, SNF)
- **The second language acquisition of Russian native speakers in German vs. Czech language environments** (Prof. Dr. Juliane Besters-Dilger, Universität Freiburg, Prof. Dr. Hana Gladkova, Prag, DFG)
- **World Languages - Digital Languages** (Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Christian Mair, Prof. Dr. Stefan Pfänder, Universität Freiburg, DFG)
- **Anthropologie der Intersubjektivität** (Dr. Thiemo Breyer, Prof. Dr. Hans-Hellmuth Gander, Prof. Dr. Stefan Pfänder, Universität Freiburg, Husserl Archiv, Baden-Württemberg Stiftung, Eliteprogramm für Postdoktorandinnen und Postdoktoranden)
- **Deutsche Sprichwörter und Redewendungen im Sprachwandel** (Prof. Dr. Annelies Häcki-Buhofer, Dr. Marcel Dräger, Dr. Britta Juska-Bacher, Universität Basel)
- **Formen des Wiedererzählens. Konstanz und Variation aus sprachwissenschaftlicher und psychologischer Perspektive** (Prof. Dr. Gabriele Lucius-Hoene, Prof. Dr. Stefan Pfänder, Universität Freiburg, Fritz Thyssen Stiftung)
- **Understanding Science: Cognitive and linguistic studies on the optimization of knowledge representation and knowledge transfer in popular science writing** (Prof. Dr. Peter Auer, PD Dr. Lars Konieczny, Universität Freiburg, Prof. Dr. Silvia Hansen-Schirra, Universität Mainz, Volkswagen-Stiftung)
- **Nochmal auf Anfang. Retelling deutsch-französisch** (Karsten Kurowski und Prof. Dr. Stefan Pfänder, Ulderup-Stiftung)

Research award

Prof. Dr. Peter Auer, co-director of the FRIAS School of Language & Literature and HPSL member, received a 100.000 € research award for basic research from the state of Baden-Württemberg for his work on *Sprache in Raum und Zeit (Language in Space and Time)*. In his work he investigates the effect of societal changes on regional differences between varieties of German. His results are of great importance for both basic research and teacher-training.

Degrees completed at the HPSL

A total of 15 PhD candidates have completed and defended their theses in 2011 and 2012. Our warmest congratulations go to all of them! Another 10 PhD candidates have handed in their theses and will defend them within the next few months. Watch out for our update in the next newsletter!

Anja Blechschmidt (Basel, Germanistik), *WIR SIND DABEI—Kommunikationspartizipation bei Lippen-Kiefer-Gaumen-Segel-Fehlbildung* (HPSL, Prof. Dr. Annelies Häcki-Buhofer)

Alice Blumenthal-Dramé (Freiburg, Anglistik), *Entrenchment in Usage-Based Theories: What Corpus Data Do and Do not Reveal about the Mind* (HPSL, Prof. Dr. Bernd Kortmann)

Brook Bolander (Basel, Anglistik), *On language and power in blogs* (HPSL, Prof. Dr. Miriam Locher)

Gabriela Diaconu (Freiburg, Anglistik), *Modality in New Englishes: A Corpus-Based Study of Obligation and Necessity* (HPSL, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Christian Mair)

Degrees completed at the HPSL (continued from page 7)

- Kathrin Dräger (Freiburg, Germanistik), *Familiennamen aus dem Rufnamen „Nikolaus“ in Deutschland* (HPSL, Prof. Dr. Konrad Kunze)
- Annina Fischer (Basel, Germanistik), *Sie können noch nicht Serbisch. Motivationen im frühen Zweitspracherwerb 8-jähriger Kinder mit Migrationshintergrund* (HPSL, Prof. Dr. Annelies Häcki-Buhofer)
- Katharina Höchle Meier (Basel, Romanistik), *Construction discursive des représentations de stages professionnels dans des entreprises de la région du Rhin supérieur* (HPSL, Prof. Dr. Georges Lüdi)
- Nicole Höhn (Freiburg, Anglistik), *Quotatives in the Jamaican acrolect: Corpus-based variationist studies of vernacular globalisation in World Englishes* (HPSL, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Christian Mair)
- Michaela Hügel, geb. Volz (Freiburg, Romanistik), *„Wenn Familien sich und andere(n) Geschichten erzählen“ - die narrative Konstitution von Familie durch gemeinsame Positionierungen in der Interaktion* (HPSL, Prof. Dr. Stefan Pfänder)
- Michael Percillier (Freiburg, Anglistik), *New varieties of English in Hong Kong and Malaysia from colonial past to global present* (HPSL, Promotionskolleg Empirische Linguistik, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Christian Mair)
- Christian Schwarz (Freiburg, Germanistik), *Phonologischer Wandel in den alemannischen Basisdialekten Südwestdeutschlands im 20. Jahrhundert. Eine empirische Untersuchung zum Vokalismus* (HPSL, Prof. Dr. Peter Auer)
- Eva Staudinger (Freiburg, Romanistik), *Ausdrücke im Neufranzösischen mit „mal“, „peine“ und „douleur.“ Eine diachrone Betrachtung* (HPSL, Prof. Dr. Rolf Kailuweit)
- Helmut Weldle (Freiburg, Kognitionswissenschaft), *Syntaktische und referenzielle Sprachverstehensprozesse aus konnektionistischer Perspektive* (HPSL, PD Dr. Lars Konieczny)
- Daniela Wehrstein (Freiburg, Romanistik), *Text hinter dem Text. Eine linguistische Analyse deutscher und französischer Presstexte zum Thema "Islam"* (HPSL, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Raible)

Upcoming events at the HPSL: A sneak preview

Upcoming events at the HPSL include the mini-symposium **Neurowissenschaften treffen Sprachwissenschaften III (Brain Science Meets Linguistics III)** on January 25th 2013, where brain scientists and linguists from Freiburg will meet for the third time after 2011 and 2012 to present their research and exchange ideas.

Three PhD candidates from the special research training group GRK 1624 *Frequency Effects in Language* are organizing a workshop on **Attitudes to Language Change, Variation and (Non-native) Speakers** in April and will present their work to the experts in the field, including Prof. Dr. Marion Krause (Hamburg), Prof. Peter Garrett (Cardiff) and Jun. Prof. Adriana Hanulíková (Freiburg).

The next edition of the newsletter will present first results from a **pilot study on education and career paths of linguists from Freiburg** carried out by the department of economic science and econometrics and funded by the ministry of education of Baden-Württemberg.

The pilot study evaluates education and career paths of Freiburg linguists in structured PhD programs in 2011 and 2012 and puts the results into perspective against data from Freiburg PhDs in linguistics since 1960.

Results and the participants's feedback to the graduate school will be fed back into the conception of graduate training at the HPSL to ensure **quality management** and establish **best practices**.

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