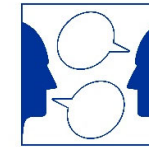




12th Sociolinguistics Circle
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BRUSSELS CENTRE FOR
 LANGUAGE STUDIES
 RESEARCH GROUP

Programme

		D.0.08 (D.1.07)	D.2.01 'promotiezaal'	D.3.07	D.3.15
08:30	09:00	Arrival, preparation poster gallery			
09:00	09:45	Welcome Keynote Caroline Döhmer D.0.08 Spelling in Luxembourgish: A Noble Quest for the Multilingual Elite			
09:45	10:10		De Haes / Simon / Peperkamp / Crible Real-time attention to sociophonetic features in French accents	Louis Students' decision-making process regarding multilingual higher education programmes: their hesitations and regrets	Tielemans Comment les Bruxellois-es perçoivent-ils les nombreuses langues qui les entourent ? Premiers résultats d'une étude quantitative
10:10	10:35	Huang – D.1.07 Reimagining Linguistic Boundaries: Language Maintenance and Shift among Chinese Heritage Speakers in Flanders, Belgium	Dubru / Joassin Tracking linguistic change in Belgo-Romance: phonetic and morphological investigation in the rural region of Liège	Steele / ten Thije Reconstructing language choice: Interactions between Dutch speakers and English speakers in participatory bodies at a Dutch university	Mettewie / Vierendeels / Van Hout Van 'Nee, dank u' tot 'Ja, graag, maar...' Een synchroon en diachroon attitude- en motivatieonderzoek naar het Nederlands als vreemde taal in Wallonië.
10:35	11:05	Coffee with poster gallery			

11:05	11:30	Joudar – D.1.07 Negotiating Belonging and Perceived Discrimination: Understanding Pathways into Delinquency among Belgian-Born Youth of Moroccan Origin	van Kampen / Burnett / Knooihuizen / Martin Variation dans la fusion des voyelles moyennes postérieures dans les français de Paris et Marseille	Beluská / Loerts / Poarch Accent Credibility Revisited	Solakari Call from Creative Europe: A Discourse Analysis of EU Cultural Policy and the Book Publishing Sector's Promotion of Linguistic Diversity
11:30	11:55	Rupp / Britain – D.1.07 "That's surprising the people what have moved here": Subject it-that variability in East Anglian English and the Belgian connection.	Polakowska Attitudes towards accent variation in word-final nasal vowels in Polish	Truan The Mobility Paradox: Expanded Repertoires, Narrowed Dialect Acceptability?	Dijckmans / Knopp / Spotti Uncovering the dynamic and multilayered sociolinguistic landscape of a mittel-European border area: A reflexive approach to Ethnographic Linguistic Landscape Analysis
11:55	12:20	Janssens / Wille / Vermeerbergen / Van Herreweghe – D.1.07 Vlaamse Gebarentaal in contact met het Nederlands vanuit een sociolinguïstisch en taalgebruiksgebaseerd perspectief	Voeten / Kingma One hundred years of sound change: Apparent-time change in Frisian vowel breaking	Zhang Multilingual In/Exclusion and Identity Construction Among Second-Generation Migrants in Luxembourg	Tamleh Language ideologies guiding language practices and management strategies: a study of family language policy among Iranian families in the Netherlands
12:20	13:20	Lunch			
13:20	14:05	Keynote Tom St Pierre D.0.08 How children use language to navigate their social world			
14:05	14:30	De Smet / Drinka - D.0.08 Perfects: a shibboleth of Catholics? Quantitative evidence from Dutch and German	Groot Balancing deference and destitution: Request strategies in Scottish pauper letters, 1750-1910	Balczesak Résister au « national » dans le nationalisme banal : agentivité, décodage et négociation identitaire chez des locutrices plurilingues en France	Vierendeels / Mettwie / Léger Lang zal het leven!? De continuïteit van het Belgische taalbeleid vanuit sociolinguïstisch-politologisch perspectief
14:30	14:55	Schockaert / Nijs / Van de Velde D.0.08 C-CLAMP in Style: Stylometry-based Analysis of Periodical Authors	Eppel Exploring Multilingual Practices and Language Contact Phenomena in a Franco-Manitoban Family Correspondence (1939–1999)	Timmerman Turning Migrants into Subjects: Language, Power, and the Politics of Asylum	Moens Fostering Political Solidarity through Language. A Diachronic Analysis of Politeness Strategies in Zelensky's Addresses to the European Parliament
14:55	15:25	Coffee with poster gallery			

15:25	15:50	Kostadinova / Gardner - D.0.08 The sociolinguistic interpretability of LLMs	Sekeres / Knooihuizen / Wieling Attitudes and motivations of learners participating in an online minoritised language course	Gregov "Couvrez cette forme que je ne saurais voir": the treatment of variation in classroom grammar interactions	De Dijn Babylonische spraakverwarring in taalonderzoek naar taalvariatie in Vlaanderen
15:50	16:15	Vriesendorp / Suijker / Vasquez Fucaraccio - D.0.08 'i dont care but he is what people assume'. The fuller range of non-binary individuals' experiences of pronouns and gender	van Hout Hoe ver komt het Limburgs? Stippen op de 'Nederlandse' horizon	Wyns / Lybaert / Van Hoof Accent bias en accent anxiety in het Vlaamse secundair en hoger onderwijs: de gerapporteerde ervaringen van leerlingen en studenten	Cleeren / Marzo / Grondelaers From adolescence to adulthood: Common gender overgeneralisation in Flemish Citétaal
16:15	17:00	Keynote Eleonora Serra D.0.08 Tracing change through letters: A sociolinguistic perspective on Renaissance Florence Goodbye			

Posters

Baert / Vandekerckhove / Bernolet / De Wit

Beyond the Full Stop: Structural and Functional Emoji Use in Later Life

Cornand

Het verband tussen uitspraak en seksuele geaardheid: Een sociofonetische studie naar het Belgisch-Nederlands

Reiss / Wieling

Negating an artificial transcription-based country border in dialect data via an acoustic-only pronunciation comparison method

Reuvers

Meertaligheid en identiteitsconstructie in online lhbt+ gemeenschappen

Scheelen

Multilingualism in the past on the island of St. Martin: language choice, identity and collective writing

Simons / Hovens

Identifying patterns in academic publications on Frisian and Limburgish through the use of digital tools

Teges

Effects of Prescriptivism on the Acceptance of Gender-Neutral Pronoun in Dutch

Verpraet

Langue et Propagande durant la Seconde Guerre mondiale : Exemple d'un article journalistique

Vervaeke / Ghyselen / Colleman

Perceptie van lexicale en morfosyntactische verschillen tussen het Belgisch-Nederlands en Nederlands-Nederlands: een markeerexperiment

Weng

Accommodation dynamics in Quanzhou bilinguals

Zelhorst

The story of pronouns: exploring how reading literary fiction can influence the integration and acceptance of Dutch non-binary pronouns 'die' and 'hen'.

Venue

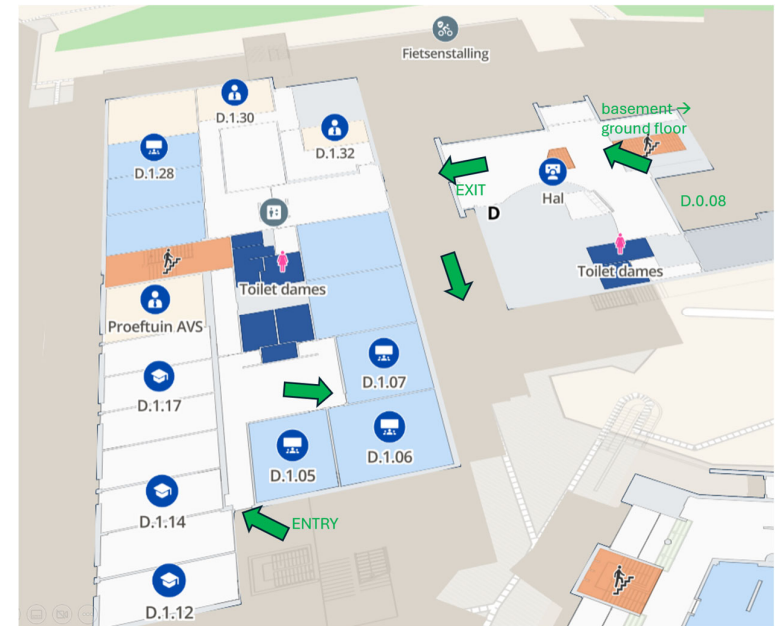
The workshop will take place on the **VUB Main Campus Etterbeek, building D**. For directions to and on the campus, please refer to the [university website](#) or the [MazeMap platform](#), see QR code below.

Room D.0.08 is located in the basement of building D, the other rooms on the ground floor, 2nd and 3rd floor, respectively.
The registration desk is located outside room D.2.01 (one floor up, 'promotiezaal').

Room D.1.07 is located in an annex of the same building accessible via a separate entry (see figure on the right, or follow the signs).

The poster gallery will be set up in the space outside room D.2.01.
Coffee breaks and lunch will be in this same area.

For any accessibility needs, please contact the organising committee or the student volunteers on site.
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