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# DISCOURSE-PRAGMATIC VARIATION AND CHANGE

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# DAY 1

morning

Wednesday, 23 September 2026

9:00–9:15	Welcome	
9:15–10:10	<b>KEYNOTE — Gunther Kaltenböck (University of Graz)</b> Discourse Markers in a Dualistic View of Grammar	
10:10–10:15	Short Break	
<b>Session 1 — Diachrony &amp; Grammaticalisation of Pragmatic Markers</b>		
10:15–10:45	<b>A Discourse-Pragmatic Expression of Indifference: The History of 'for all I care'</b> Laurel J. Brinton (University of British Columbia)	
10:45–11:15	<b>The Emergence of Discourse Markers Arising From the Perception Verb 'to see' in Acadian French: The Cases of <i>tu vois, vois-tu, tu</i></b> Catherine Léger & Pierre-Don Giancarli (University of Victoria / Université de Poitiers)	
11:15–11:45	Coffee Break	
<b>Session 2A — Diachrony &amp; Grammaticalisation of Pragmatic Markers (cont.)</b>		
<b>Session 2B — Variationist Approaches to Speech Acts and Politeness</b>		
11:45–12:15	<b>Cyclicity in Discourse Marker Evolution: the Constructionalization Spiral of <i>f(or) y(our) i(n)formation</i></b> Mathilde Pinson (Sorbonne Nouvelle University)	<b>Exploring Regional Politeness in U.S. English: Strategies and Perceptions</b> Tanne Stephens (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel)
12:15–12:45	<b>From Interrogative Pronouns to Intensifiers: Variation and Change of <i>mely, mily, and milyen</i> 'How, What'</b> Csilla Ilona Dér (Károli Gáspár University / ELTE Research Centre for Linguistics)	<b>The Art of Requesting: Regional Variation in Politeness Across England and Germany</b> Aida Jalanesh, Melanie Heidemann, Vienna Thiele & Ulrike Altendorf (Leibniz Universität Hannover)
12:45–13:15	<b>On the Development of <i>dennoch</i> ('Nevertheless') as a Discourse Marker in German</b> Lukasz Jędrzejowski (University of Agder)	<b>Apologising Across Generations: Discourse-Pragmatic Variation and Change in Contemporary Spanish</b> Renata Enghels, Marlies Jansegers & Fien De Latte (Ghent University)
13:15–14:15	Lunch	

# DAY 1

afternoon

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## Session 3 – Pragmatic Borrowing across Languages

14:15–14:45	<b>Variation and Change in <i>né/ne</i> in Contact: Brazilian Portuguese–Japanese Bilinguals in Greater Tokyo</b> Kazuko Matsumoto & Haruka Takayama (The University of Tokyo)
14:45–15:15	<b>Yes in the Nordics: A Cross-Linguistic Study of Pragmatic Borrowing</b> Gisle Andersen, Helga Hilmisdóttir, Martina Huhtamäki, Susanna Karlsson, Elizabeth Peterson & Marianne Rathje (NHH / University of Helsinki / Arni Magnusson Institute / University of Jyväskylä / Danish Language Institute / University of Gothenburg)
15:15–15:45	<b>Beyond Code-Switching: The Integration of the Discourse Marker 'so' in Tagalog-English Bilingual Speech</b> Patricia Camus & Lisa Brunetti (Université Paris Cité / CNRS)
15:45–16:15	Coffee Break

## Session 4 – Discourse Markers in Multilingual Communities

16:15–16:45	<b>Bridging the Discourse-Contact Interface: A Quantitative Analysis of Discourse-Pragmatic Variation in Kreol Morisien-French Contact</b> Hannah Davidson (University of Cambridge)
16:45–17:15	<b>Linguistic Variation of Discourse Markers in Lingua Franca Japanese in Greater Tokyo</b> Yoshiyuki Asahi, Ichiro Ota & Shoji Takano (NINJAL / Kagoshima University / Hokusei University)
17:15–17:20	Short Break
17:20–18:15	<b>KEYNOTE – Miriam Meyerhoff (University of Oxford)</b> Analysing Discourse Variation in an Under-Documented Language
18:15	Champagne Reception

# DAY 2 morning

Thursday, 24 September 2026

8:00–9:00	DiPVaC Business Meeting	
9:00–9:55	<b>KEYNOTE — John A. Bateman (University of Bremen)</b> Multimodal Discourse-pragmatic Variation: Methods, Interfaces, Limits	
9:55–10:00	Short Break	
Session 5 — Multimodal Discourse		
10:00–10:30	<b>How Negation Is Gestured: A Multimodal Description of Brazilian Portuguese</b> Paloma Batista Cardoso (Federal University of Sergipe)	
10:30–11:00	<b>Multimodal Memory and Pragmatic Variation in English Epitaphs from Lesotho: The Linguistic Change in Sepulchral Context</b> Taofik Olasunkanmi Adesanmi (Adeyemi Federal University of Education)	
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break	
Session 6 (Parallel Session)		
Session 6A — Discourse-Pragmatic Variation across Modes, Scripts & Media		Session 6B — Discourse-Pragmatic Variation in Human-LLM Interaction
11:30–12:00	<b>The Variation of Emoji in Chinese Online Text-Based Counselling</b> Tong Zhao (Queen Mary University of London)	<b>The Role of Discourse Markers and Interjections in Dialectal Profiling by LLMs</b> Raquel Freitag (Universidade Federal de Sergipe)
12:00–12:30	<b>Orthographic Choice as Social Action: A Quantitative Study of Arabizi in Digital Arabic Discourse</b> Moayyad Al-Bohnayyah (King Faisal University)	<b>"Parce que" or "car"? Age, Text Genre, and Pragmatic Variation in Humans and LLMs</b> Joanna Blochowiak, Ru-Yi Zeng, Marie-Catherine de Marneffe & Liesbeth Degand (University of Louvain)
12:30–13:00	<b>To Be Fair and TBF/tbf: Discourse Markers Across Modalities</b> Louise Mycock (Somerville College, University of Oxford)	<b>Sycophancy and Discourse-Pragmatic Variation in Human-LLM Interaction</b> Sandra Petroni (University of Rome Tor Vergata)
13:00–14:00	Lunch	

# DAY 2

afternoon

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## Session 7 – Discourse-Pragmatic Variation in Literary and Institutional Discourse

14:00–14:30	<b>Particles <i>dakle</i>, <i>međutim</i>, and <i>takođe</i> as Discourse Markers in Serbian Parliamentary Discourse: Opposition and Inference Strategies</b> Svetlana Slijepcevic Bjelivuk & Aleksandra Tomasevic (Institute for the Serbian Language of SASA)
14:30–15:00	<b>'I am Sir Arthur Guinness, and this is my fucking city': Investigating Intensifying <i>fucking</i> in a Corpus of 19th-Century Irish English Fictional Discourse</b> Carolina P. Amador-Moreno & Ana M. Terrazas-Calero (University of Extremadura)
15:00–15:30	<b>Interjections, Repertoires and Pragmatic Variation for Literary Authorship Attribution</b> Mel Evans (University of Leeds)
15:30–16:00	<b>Deixis in Interaction: Discourse-Pragmatic Variation and Social Hierarchy in Early Latin Comedy</b> Veronica Papotti (Ghent University)
16:00–16:15	Coffee Break

16:15–17:00

## Session 8 – Posters

<b>From Deixis to Denunciation: Referential Strategies and Identity Construction in Chinese Online Public Shaming</b> Shuangshuang Chen & Danyang Zheng (Fudan University / Tianjin University)	<b>Interactional Discourse Markers Across Generations in a Vernacular Variety of Serbian</b> Miljana Copa & Milica Rabrenović (Institute for the Serbian Language of SASA)	<b>Conversational Tactics in Expressing Surprise in Polish, Russian, and English</b> Daniel Dzienisiewicz (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)
<b>Discourse Pragmatic Distribution and Functions of Selected Possessive Forms in Kiswahili</b> Devet Goodness (University of Dar es Salaam)	<b>Sociolinguistics and Pragmatic Variation of Greetings and Leave-Taking Among Kiswahili Community</b> Devet Goodness & Okoa Simile (University of Dar es Salaam)	<b>Slang, Offensiveness, and Social Meaning in Modern Greek: A Discourse-Pragmatic Perspective</b> Chrisa Kazitori & George J. Xydopoulos (University of Patras / Hellenic Open University)
<b>Pragmalinguistic Atypicalities of Lexical Fillers in the Discourse of Croatian Speakers with Schizophrenia</b> Davor Krsnik, Martina Sekulić Sović, Aleksandar Savić & Ante Periša (University of Zagreb / University Psychiatric Hospital Vrapce)	<b>Discourse and Extralinguistic Context in Linguistic Structure and Choice: A Holistic Framework of Language Use</b> Annika Labrenz (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)	<b>Immediacy Beyond Linearity: Digital Stance Taking in Non-Linear Social Media Interaction</b> Diana Lepka (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)
<b>Victim or Survivor? Identity Construction in Victim Narratives</b> Evangelia Mourtzanou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)	<b>Between Prestige and Erasure: The (In-)Visibility of Arabic in Spanish Newspaper Discourse During the Spain-Morocco Crisis (2021-2023)</b> Franz Ritter (University of Salzburg)	<b>Forms of Address in Chilean Youth Language: Beyond Deixis</b> Marcela Rivadeneira-Valenzuela & Violeta Cautin-Epifani (Universidad Arturo Prat)
	<b>An Experimental Study on Pragmatic Context and Social Understanding in Italian</b> Costanza Vallicelli (University of Toronto)	

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Conference Dinner

# DAY 3 morning

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9:00–9:55	<b>KEYNOTE — Emma Moore (University of Sheffield)</b> What Is Social Meaning and What Is Its Role in Linguistic Theory	
9:55–10:00	Short Break	
<b>Session 9 — Sociolinguistic Variation &amp; Identity</b>		
10:00–10:30	<b>The Appropriation of Right and Alright for Sociolinguistic Work in Dublin</b> Fergus O'Dwyer & Bettina Migge (Marino Institute of Education / University College Dublin)	
10:30–11:00	<b>Discursive-Pragmatic Strategies in Swabian German: Real- and Apparent-Time Change in the Use of Filled Pauses and Discourse Markers</b> Karen V. Beaman (University of Tübingen)	
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break	
<b>Session 10 (Parallel Session)</b>		
<b>Session 10A — Stance Marking: Constructional and Indexical Perspectives</b>		<b>Session 10B — Pragmatic Markers across Languages and Varieties</b>
11:30–12:00	<b>Ways of Seeing: On the Stance Parentheticals 'as I see it' and '(the) way I see it' in American English</b> María José López Couso & Belén Méndez-Naya (Universidade de Santiago de Compostela)	<b>The 'Untranslatable' Pragmatic Marker: Why you know is Conceptually Difficult for Japanese EFL Speakers</b> Nozomi Okada, Mitsuki Miyano & Kento Yamamoto (Meisei University)
12:00–12:30	<b>Doing Indianness: Elite Speech and /r/ Variation in Discourse Markers <i>arrey</i> and <i>crazy</i></b> Tanisha Pandey (Universität Bern)	<b>But She's Different to the Kangaroos There Because They Got Black Tips on Their Ears and Their Paws and That — General Extenders in Aboriginal English</b> Katharina Froedrich, Celeste Rodríguez Louro, Glenys Dale Collard & Matt Hunt Gardner (University of Western Australia / Queen Mary University London)
12:30–13:00	<b>From Institutional Standard to Stylized Stance: The Indexical Trajectory of Erhua in Taiwan Mandarin</b> Hsi-Yao Su (National Taiwan Normal University)	<b>E via + GERUND: The Life and Social Meaning of an Italian General Extender</b> Chiara Ghezzi & Valentina Piuino (Università degli Studi di Bergamo)
13:00–14:00	Lunch	

# DAY 3 afternoon

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## Session 11 – Variation and Change: Cognitive, Longitudinal and Real-Time Perspectives

14:00–14:30	<b>Discourse Marker Production Under Cognitive Load: Exploring the Effects of Task Complexity</b> Liesbeth Degand (University of Louvain)
14:30–15:00	<b>Discourse-Pragmatic Skills Across Retirement: A Two-Year Longitudinal Study of Variation and Change in Anaphoric Expressions</b> Mason Wirtz, Annika Rossmanith, Lukas Zbinden & Simone E. Pfenninger (University of Zurich)
15:00–15:30	<b>They Were Like 'Oh are you local?', and I'm Like 'Yeah': Variation and Change in the Falkland Island English Quotative System</b> David Britain & Hannah Hedegard (University of Bern)
15:30–16:00	Coffee Break

## Session 12 – Discourse-Pragmatic Variation in Educational Settings

16:00–16:30	<b>Mediated and Naturalistic Propagation of L1 Structured Variation: Intensifiers in German Learner English</b> Julia Davydova (Pädagogische Hochschule Vorarlberg)
16:30–17:00	<b>Investigating Teacher Perceptions of Discourse-Pragmatic Variation in British Schools</b> Ben Gibb-Reid & Claire Childs (University of York)
17:00–17:05	Short Break
17:05–18:00	<b>KEYNOTE – Scott F. Kiesling (University of Pittsburgh)</b> Vocatives, Brocatives, and Indexical Cycles
18:00	Conference Closing & Champagne Reception