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DAY 1

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Wednesday, 23 September 2026

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

DAY 1

afternoon

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Session 3 — Pragmatic Borrowing across Languages

14:15–14:45	Variation and Change in <i>né/ne</i> in Contact: Brazilian Portuguese–Japanese Bilinguals in Greater Tokyo Kazuko Matsumoto & Haruka Takayama (The University of Tokyo)
14:45–15:15	Yes in the Nordics: A Cross-Linguistic Study of Pragmatic Borrowing 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	Beyond Code-Switching: The Integration of the Discourse Marker 'so' in Tagalog-English Bilingual Speech 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	Bridging the Discourse-Contact Interface: A Quantitative Analysis of Discourse-Pragmatic Variation in Kreol Morisien-French Contact Hannah Davidson (University of Cambridge)
16:45–17:15	Linguistic Variation of Discourse Markers in Lingua Franca Japanese in Greater Tokyo Yoshiyuki Asahi, Ichiro Ota & Shoji Takano (NINJAL / Kagoshima University / Hokusei University)
17:15–17:20	Short Break
17:20–18:15	KEYNOTE — Miriam Meyerhoff (University of Oxford) Analysing Discourse Variation in an Under-Documented Language
18:15	Drinks Reception

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Thursday, 24 September 2026

8:00–9:00	DiPVaC Business Meeting	
9:00–9:55	KEYNOTE — John A. Bateman (University of Bremen) Multimodal Discourse-pragmatic Variation: Methods, Interfaces, Limits	
9:55–10:00	Short Break	
Session 5 — Multimodal Discourse		
10:00–10:30	How Negation Is Gestured: A Multimodal Description of Brazilian Portuguese Paloma Batista Cardoso (Federal University of Sergipe)	
10:30–11:00	Multimodal Memory and Pragmatic Variation in English Epitaphs from Lesotho: Linguistic Change in a Sepulchral Context 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	The Variation of Emoji in Chinese Online Text-Based Counselling Tong Zhao (Queen Mary University of London)	The Role of Discourse Markers and Interjections in Dialectal Profiling by LLMs Raquel Freitag (Universidade Federal de Sergipe)
12:00–12:30	Orthographic Choice as Social Action: A Quantitative Study of Arabizi in Digital Arabic Discourse Moayyad Al-Bohnayyah (King Faisal University)	"Parce que" or "car"? Age, Text Genre, and Pragmatic Variation in Humans and LLMs Joanna Blochowiak, Ru-Yi Zeng, Marie-Catherine de Marneffe & Liesbeth Degand (University of Louvain)
12:30–14:00	Lunch	

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Session 7 – Discourse-Pragmatic Variation across Genres and Text Types

14:00–14:30	Deixis in Interaction: Discourse-Pragmatic Variation and Social Hierarchy in Early Latin Comedy Veronica Papotti (University of Innsbruck)
14:30–15:00	'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 Carolina P. Amador-Moreno & Ana M. Terrazas-Calero (University of Extremadura)
15:00–15:30	<i>Particles dakle, međutim, and takode as Discourse Markers in Serbian Parliamentary Discourse: Opposition and Inference Strategies</i> Svetlana Slijepcevic Bjelivuk & Aleksandra Tomasevic (Institute for the Serbian Language of SASA)
15:30–16:00	To Be Fair and TBF/tbf: Discourse Markers Across Modalities Louise Mycock (Somerville College, University of Oxford)
16:00–16:15	Coffee Break

16:15–17:00

Session 8 – Posters

From Deixis to Denunciation: Referential Strategies and Identity Construction in Chinese Online Public Shaming Shuangshuang Chen & Danyang Zheng (Fudan University / Tianjin University)	Interactional Discourse Markers Across Generations in a Vernacular Variety of Serbian Miljana Copa & Milica Rabrenović (Institute for the Serbian Language of SASA)	Conversational Tactics in Expressing Surprise in Polish, Russian, and English Daniel Dzienisiewicz (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)
Discourse Pragmatic Distribution and Functions of Selected Possessive Forms in Kiswahili Devet Goodness (University of Dar es Salaam)	Sociolinguistic and Pragmatic Variation of Greetings and Leave-Taking Among the Kiswahili Community Devet Goodness & Okoa Simile (University of Dar es Salaam)	Slang, Offensiveness, and Social Meaning in Modern Greek: A Discourse-Pragmatic Perspective Chrisa Kazitori & George J. Xydopoulos (University of Patras / Hellenic Open University)
Pragmalinguistic Atypicalities of Lexical Fillers in the Discourse of Croatian Speakers with Schizophrenia Davor Krsnik, Martina Sekulić Savić, Aleksandar Savić & Ante Periša (University of Zagreb / University Psychiatric Hospital Vrapce)	Discourse and Extralinguistic Context in Linguistic Structure and Choice: A Holistic Framework of Language Use Annika Labrenz (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)	Immediacy Beyond Linearity: Digital Stance Taking in Non-Linear Social Media Interaction Diana Lepka (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)
The Discourse Marker <i>well</i> in Contemporary English: A Corpus-Based Study of Sociolinguistic Variation in the Spoken BNC2014 Ljubica Leone (University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli)	Victim or Survivor? Identity Construction in Victim Narratives Evangelia Mourtzanou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)	Between Prestige and Erasure: The (In-)Visibility of Arabic in Spanish Newspaper Discourse during the Spain-Morocco Crisis (2021-2023) Franz Ritter (University of Salzburg)
Forms of Address in Chilean Youth Language: Beyond Deixis Marcela Rivadeneira-Valenzuela & Violeta Cautín-Epifani (Universidad Arturo Prat)	Jamaican-Derived Slang and Identity in Multicultural London English Marta Vargas Moreno & Bartolome Diaz Martinez (University of Murcia)	An Experimental Study on Pragmatic Context and Social Understanding in Italian Costanza Vallicelli (University of Toronto)
19:00	Conference Dinner	

DAY 3

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

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

14:00–14:30	Discourse Marker Production Under Cognitive Load: Exploring the Effects of Task Complexity Liesbeth Degand (University of Louvain)
14:30–15:00	Discourse-Pragmatic Skills Across Retirement: A Two-Year Longitudinal Study of Variation and Change in Anaphoric Expressions Mason Wirtz, Annika Rossmanith, Lukas Zbinden & Simone E. Pfenninger (University of Zurich)
15:00–15:30	They Were Like 'Oh are you local?', and I'm Like 'Yeah': Variation and Change in the Falkland Island English Quotative System 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	Mediated and Naturalistic Propagation of L1 Structured Variation: Intensifiers in German Learner English Julia Davydova (Pädagogische Hochschule Vorarlberg)
16:30–17:00	Investigating Teacher Perceptions of Discourse-Pragmatic Variation in British Schools Ben Gibb-Reid & Claire Childs (University of York)
17:00–17:05	Short Break
17:05–18:00	KEYNOTE — Scott F. Kiesling (University of Pittsburgh) Vocatives, Brocatives, and Indexical Cycles
18:00	Conference Closing & Drinks Reception