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DAY 1

morning

Wednesday, 23 September 2026

9:00–9:15	Welcome Erik Schleef & Claire Childs Room 1.007
9:15–10:10	KEYNOTE — Gunther Kaltenböck (University of Graz) Discourse Markers in a Dualistic View of Grammar Chair: Jana Pflaeging
10:10–10:15	Short Break
Session 1 — Diachrony & Grammaticalisation of Pragmatic Markers Chair: Liesbeth Degand	
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 2 — Diachrony & Grammaticalisation of Pragmatic Markers (cont.) Chair: Erik Schleef	
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)
12:15–12:45	E via + GERUND: The Life and Social Meaning of an Italian General Extender Chiara Ghezzi & Valentina Piunno (Università degli Studi di Bergamo)
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

Wednesday, 23 September 2026

Session 3 — Pragmatic Borrowing across Languages | Chair: Matthew Hadodo

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 | Chair: Jana Pflaeging

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 & Madeleine Riskin-Kutz (University of Oxford) Analysing Discourse Variation in an Under-Documented Language Chair: Erik Schleeef
18:15	Drinks Reception

DAY 2

morning

Thursday, 24 September 2026

8:15–9:00	DiPVaC Business Meeting Room 1.008
9:00–9:55	KEYNOTE — John A. Bateman (University of Bremen) Multimodal Discourse-pragmatic Variation: Methods, Interfaces, Limits Chair: Jana Pflaeging
9:55–10:00	Short Break
Session 5 — Multimodal Discourse Chair: Hartmut Stöckl	
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	The Variation of Emoji in Chinese Online Text-Based Counselling Tong Zhao (Queen Mary University of London)
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break
Session 6 — Discourse-Pragmatic Variation in Human-LLM Interaction Chair: Rebekah Wegener	
11:30–12:00	The Role of Discourse Markers and Interjections in Dialectal Profiling by LLMs Raquel Freitag (Universidade Federal de Sergipe)
12:00–12:30	"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)
12:30–13:30	Lunch

DAY 2

afternoon

Thursday, 24 September 2026

Session 7 — Discourse-Pragmatic Variation across Genres and Text Types | Chair: Laurel J. Brinton

13:30–14:00	'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)
14:00–14:30	<i>Particles dakle, međutim, and takode as Discourse Markers in Serbian Parliamentary Discourse: Opposition and Inference Strategies</i> Svetlana Slijepcevic Bjelivuk & Aleksandra Tomašević (Institute for the Serbian Language of SASA)
14:30–15:00	To Be Fair and TBF/tbf: Discourse Markers Across Modalities Louise Mycock (Somerville College, University of Oxford)
15:00–15:30	Coffee Break

15:30–16:00

Session 8 — Posters

Interactional Discourse Markers Across Generations in a Vernacular Variety of Serbian Miljana Čopa & 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)	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 Sović, Aleksandar Savić & Ante Periša (University of Zagreb / University Psychiatric Hospital Vrapce)	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)	Jamaican-Derived Slang and Identity in Multicultural London English Marta Vargas Moreno & Bartolome Diaz Martinez (University of Murcia)

Session 9 — Variationist Approaches to Speech Acts and Politeness | Chair: Elizabeth Peterson

16:00–16:30	Exploring Regional Politeness in U.S. English: Strategies and Perceptions Tanne Stephens (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel)
16:30–17:00	The Art of Requesting: Regional Variation in Politeness Across England and Germany Aida Jalandash, Melanie Heidemann, Vienna Thiele & Ulrike Altendorf (Leibniz Universität Hannover)
19:00	Conference Dinner

DAY 3

morning

Friday, 25 September 2026

9:00–9:55	KEYNOTE — Emma Moore (University of Sheffield) What Is Social Meaning and What Is Its Role in Linguistic Theory Chair: Matthew Hadodo	
9:55–10:00	Short Break	
Session 10 — Sociolinguistic Variation & Identity Chair: Claire Childs		
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 11 (Parallel Session)		
Session 11A — Stance Marking: Constructional and Indexical Perspectives Chair: Julia Davydova Room 1.007		Session 11B — Pragmatic Markers across Languages and Varieties Chair: Erik Schleeß Room 1.008
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	From Institutional Standard to Stylized Stance: The Indexical Trajectory of Erhua in Taiwan Mandarin Hsi-Yao Su (National Taiwan Normal University)	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 / University of Oxford)
12:30–13:00	/r/ and Fine Phonetic Variation: A Discourse-Pragmatic Analysis of Discourse Marker crazy in monolingual IndE Speech Tanisha Bechtel-Pandey (Universität Bern)	
13:00–14:00	Lunch	

DAY 3

afternoon

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Session 12 — Variation and Change: Cognitive, Longitudinal and Real-Time Perspectives | Chair: Kazuko Matsumoto

14:00–14:30	Discourse Marker Production Under Cognitive Load: Exploring the Effects of Task Complexity Liesbeth Degand, Emilie Mathot & Clara Visentin (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 13 — Discourse-Pragmatic Variation in Educational Settings | Chair: Sabrina Ryffel

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 Chair: Matthew Hadodo
18:00	Conference Closing & Drinks Reception Erik Schleeff & Claire Childs