

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Thursday and Friday, May 15–16, 2014, Institute of Multilingualism

Multilingualism: Acquisition, Education, and Society
University of Fribourg | Institute of Multilingualism

PhD Workshop

A child's play? Multilingualism in infancy and childhood

Guest speakers: **Prof. Krista Byers-Heinlein**, Concordia University, Canada
Prof. Anat Stavans, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Chair: Prof. Raphael Berthele, University of Fribourg

Abstract

Due to very different reasons many children grow up with more than one language. Some children are exposed to multilingual input right from birth, whereas others are confronted with more than one language in (early) childhood. The possible interaction of different linguistic, social, and contextual conditions opens up new perspectives on the study of multilingualism in infancy and childhood.

This workshop will focus on the question of how children adapt to input in more than one language. In their presentations, Krista Byers-Heinlein addresses "Studying multilingualism in infancy" and Anat Stavans approaches "Multilingual input: a discursive negotiation". Starting from different methodological approaches, they both present ongoing research on the role of input in successful development in more than one language.

Structure of the workshop

Thursday, May 15, 2014 (10:00–17:00)

Input of the two guest speakers and subsequent discussions
Short Presentations of PhD-Projects, collection of questions to be discussed on Friday morning

Friday, May 16, 2014 (9:00–12:30)

Discussion and exchange of ideas

Location

↘ Institute of Multilingualism, rue de Morat 24, 1700 Fribourg, room K1.03.

PhD programme on Multilingualism

The workshop is part of the doctoral programme Multilingualism: Acquisition, Education, and Society (module B, sociolinguistics). It is organised by the Institute of Multilingualism and the study domain Multilingualism and foreign languages, at the University of Fribourg and carried out in close collaboration with the Center for the Study of Language and Society of the University of Bern and with professors of the University of Lausanne.

↘ www.institute-multilingualism.ch

Participation conditions

The number of participants is limited. Doctoral students of the programme's partner universities (Fribourg, Berne, and Lausanne) have priority. Students from other Swiss universities may participate if there are places left.

Registration

To register for this workshop, send a message to andrea.ender@unifr.ch

Deadline for registration

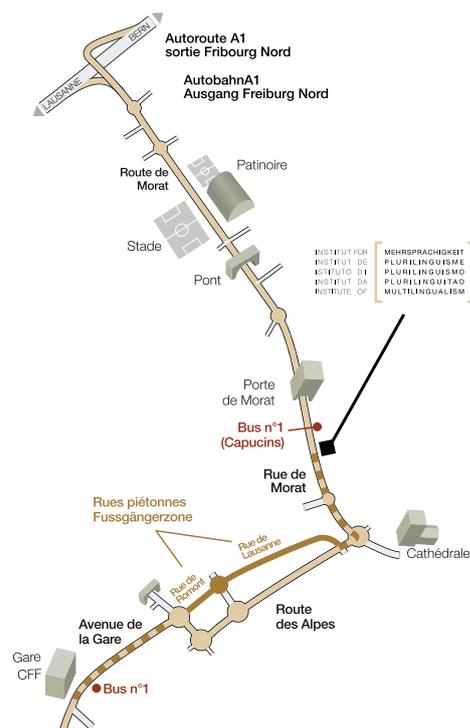
↘ Thursday, March 27, 2014

About the guest speakers

Krista Byers-Heinlein is Assistant Professor at Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. She investigates infant language development with primarily behavioral methods and is particularly interested in infants growing up in bilingual environments and the mechanisms that they use to acquire two languages simultaneously. A related line of work investigates bilingual parenting, and how the language strategies used by bilingual families influence children's language learning.

Anat Stavans is Senior Researcher at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her research is focused on language skills and emergent literacy in multilingual children. She is interested in how family language policy influence on literacy enhancement and development. Additionally, she has also investigated language production, especially code-switching and code-mixing, in trilingual children.

Access to the Institute of Multilingualism



From the train station: 15 min by foot or by bus (bus N° 1 to Saint-Léonard/Portes de Fribourg, code N° 10 to buy a ticket), get off at „Capucins“ (third stop after the station), go back about 50 meters.

↘ Map: www.institute-multilingualism.ch