

University Research Priority Program Language and Space

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Achievements 2013 – 2015

Record of success

- Linguistic Research Laboratories successfully installed, equipped and enlarged
- Research groups constituted and amplified
- Constitution of Steering Committee and Scientific Advisory Board
- 13 positions for young scholars at PhD and Postdoc level filled with talents
- 85 publications of URPP members in the research topics included in the «Language and Space» research agendas (17 publications by staff members of the program and 68 publications by URPP faculty members in relevant areas)
- 17 scientific workshops promoting interest in mutual and complementary research questions and results
- Worthwhile investment of CHF 2'400'000.00
- Raising of external funds for 15 new projects
- Moving in to new offices in sept
 2015 with the majority of
 staff members

Outreach

Contribution to the initiative
 «Deutsch3.0» of the Goethe-Institute, organization of interactive lectures for pupils and teachers with the title «Language in the Lab», June 2014; find a report in UZH News from 26.6.2014



- Contributions of URPP members to the Scientifica
- Presentation of the URPP
 Language and Space with an exhibition in the library of the German Department
- Contributions by URPP members to the advanced training "Zur Sprache" and the Podcast "angesprochen", ZüKL

New Projects

The following research projects related to «Language and Space», carried out by URPP members, were approved during 2014 und 2015:

- Academic E-Learning Platforms as Virtual Spaces, prolongation (PI: H. Hausendorf; K. Lindemann, E. Ruoss, C. Weinzinger)
- AIS, relaoded (PI: M. Loporcaro; D. Pescarini)
- Interactive discoveries: A video and eye-tracking based study of knowledge construction in science centers (PI: W. Kesselheim; B. Neff, Y. Simon, Swiss Science Center Technorama)
- Language description as filter and prisma: the individuality of Slovene (PI: B. Sonnenhauser)
- Language as key to perceptual diversity: an interdisciplinary approach to the senses (PI: N. Burenhult; R. Purves, A. Majid, M. Rothstein, P. Sercombe, S. van Putten)
- Large-Scale Annotation and Alignment of Parallel Corpora for the Investigation of Linguistic Variation (SPARCLING), (PI: M. Hundt; M. Volk)
- Linguistic morphology in time and space (LiMiTS)
 (PI: B. Bickel; W. Behr, M. Jenny, M. Loporcaro, R.
 Weibel, P. Widmer, F. Zuniga, C. Derungs, R. Van
 Gijn, F. Gardani)
- Modelling morphsyntactic area formation in Swiss German (SynMod), prolongation (PI: E. Glaser; R. Weibel, Ph. Stöckle, P. Jeszenszky)
- Place-based map generalization (PI: R. Weibel, R. Purves)
- Placenames in Canton St. Gallen (PI: E. Glaser, R. Purves)
- Regional Linguistic Data Initiative (ReLDI), (PI: T. Samardzic; M. Milicevic, N. Ljubesic)
- Regional Variation in the Grammar of Standard German, prolongation (PI: Ch. Dürscheid; A. Ziegler, St. Elspass, G. Adarve, P. Sutter, M. Businger)
- Vacational Postcards: Spatial Reference and Exemplariness (PI: H. Hausendorf; J. Scharloth)
- What's up, Switzerland (PI: E. Stark; Ch. Dürscheid, F. Diémoz, C. Thurlow, S. Natale, B. Siebenhaar, S. Ueberwasser)

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• The Zurich database of agreement in Italo-Romance (PI: M. Loporcaro; T. Paciaroni)



ze Schweiz verteilt ähnlich

aufgebaute Schalter führt,

an denen mehrere Spra-

chen gesprochen werden,

seien die SBB ein «Eldorado

Mehr als blosse Worte

Sprachwissenschaftliche Fragestellungen untersuchen die Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler der Universität Zürich in linguistischen Laboren. Dort erfahren Schülerinnen und Schüler mehr über ihre Art zu kommunizieren, mehr über ihre schweizerdeutschen Dialekte. Und mehr darüber, wie moderne Kommunikationsmittel auch die Sprachwissenschaft voranbringen.

Andreas Unger

UZH News,
26.6.2014

Blicke leiten die Kommunikation: Linus Rist, Schüler am Realgymnasium Zürich, probiert einen Eye Tracker aus. (Bild: Marita Fuchs)



gates two salient linguistic struc- code-switching as variables at the www.whatsup-switzerland.ch

kämen am Ende einzig eine auszudennen», sagt Hausendorf. Iha

Ein «Eldorado»
Die Kundenschalter der SBB.

Blick am Abend,

27.10.2014

Für Sprachwissenschaftler», sagt Lorenza Mondada, Professorin für Allgemeine und Französische Sprachwissenschaft der Uni Basel, in der «Basler Zeitung». In den kommenden Wochen