

CFP: GSA Panel Series - Linguistics and Language Studies in German Studies: Pasts, Presents, Futures (14.02.22)

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This inaugural panel series of the GSA interdisciplinary network for Linguistics and Language Studies seeks to explore a broad and urgent yet long-neglected question: what role did, do, and should linguistics and language studies play in contemporary German Studies? Although German Studies and linguistics share many of the same disciplinary roots, and in earlier iterations of German Studies linguistics played a major role in the formation, maintenance, and growth of departments, the expansion of German Studies into new and exciting fields has unfortunately come at considerable expense to some of the traditional areas of the field, like linguistics. As such, the place of linguistics in both German Studies specifically and in language departments more generally has long been a contentious topic. Nonetheless, the methods and central questions of linguistics continue to spark both disciplinary and transdisciplinary interest within German Studies, as evidenced by GSA seminars and panels on topics ranging from Linguistic Indifference to Multilingualism and Linguistic Others in recent years.

This panel series thus seeks to bring together scholars interested in transdisciplinary approaches to the study of both the German language and minority languages of historical and political relevance to German Studies. We welcome papers from the diverse fields for which language is a central object of analysis, including but not limited to:

applied linguistics and language pedagogy
dialectology
historical linguistics
language pedagogy
linguistic anthropology
philology
philosophy of language
poetics
semiotics
sociolinguistics
new forms and varieties of German (e.g., Kiezdeutsch, Namdeutsch)
stylistics
translation studies

Given the location of the 2022 conference, we particularly invite papers on Texas German and other

varieties of German spoken in the United States. We also welcome papers from any subfield that employs language as an analytical tool through methodologies such as, but not limited to:

corpus-linguistic research
digital text analysis
discourse analysis
linguistic ethnography
narrative analysis

Please submit a 350 to 500-word abstract and a short bio or CV to Marc Pierce (mpierc@austin.utexas.edu) and Lindsay Preseau (presealy@ucmail.uc.edu) by March 14, 2022. We expect to assemble a series of 3-4 panels. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.