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Modul:	Sociolinguistics [AA7, AA9, ENG 04, ENG 10, ENG 11, ENG 5, ENGAGE M01a, ENGAGE M02, IAA 20, LAA 11, LAA, MuB-E]
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Description

Language is a communication tool used by speech communities. The speech communities we belong to affect our use of language. Speakers vary in their language use with regard to social factors such as age, educational level, the region of their upbringing, social status, and more. In other words, language is closely intertwined with our social identity. Sociolinguistics seeks to uncover the many ways in which society and social factors influence language use.

In this course, you will be introduced to sociolinguistics, the study of the effect of society on language use. In the first part, we will familiarize ourselves with basic principles, theories and terms used in sociolinguistics, and we will look at the different historical strands of sociolinguistic research. In the second part, participants will conduct small, empirical sociolinguistic case studies, mainly using socially stratified linguistic corpora, but also other methodologies.

Prospective participants must have completed an *Introduction to Linguistics* and should have a strong interest in the connection between society and language. Prior knowledge of corpus-linguistic methodology is helpful, but not required.

Credit

Participants will choose and develop their own sociolinguistic project over the course of the semester. Progress will be monitored through small, goal-directed assignments (choosing a topic, formulating a research question, writing and reading, finding/collecting suitable data, etc.). For credit (Prüfungsleistung), students are expected to write a term paper on their corpus research project.

Meetings

The course will be conducted entirely online. We will meet in video conferences (on Zoom) during the course time listed above. All course materials and links will be provided in an OpenOlat course. The link to the course will be sent via E-Mail (STINE) after the course registration period.

The course will be held in English.

Sprechstunden im Semester:	s. Sprechstundenliste
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