

Veranstalter.....	Richard Bonnie
Thema.....	Introduction to Sociolinguistics
Art der Veranstaltung.....	Seminar II
Veranstaltungsnummer.....	53-510
Zeit.....	14-16 Uhr
Raum.....	Ü35-01016
Beginn.....	19.10.2017

Course description:

Is language always a direct representation of reality? Are there subtle ways in which culture and politics sneak their way into language use? This seminar examines language in relation to society, with particular reference to linguistic situations in bi/multilingual settings, and investigates the correlations between linguistic variables and non-linguistic variables such as gender, age, race and social class.

The course is intended to familiarise students with topics of language use in social contexts. We will discuss the theoretical foundations of sociolinguistics, as well as discover procedures, methods and results of research on the relationship between language and society in several English-speaking communities around the world and especially in bi/multilingual contexts. Participants will gain skills to unearth the way language shapes society and vice-versa, and they will be able to critically assess how language masks the tacit assumptions behind ideas that seem natural, neutral, or obviously true.

Participants are expected to attend class regularly, participate in discussions, complete readings and homework assignments and give one oral presentation in class in order to pass the course. Students who require full credit points will additionally have to write a term paper.

Literature:

Fasold, Ralph. 1990. *The Sociolinguistics of Language*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Holmes, Janet & Nick Wilson. 2017. *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics* (5th ed.). London: Routledge.

Hudson, Richard. 1996. *Sociolinguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Tagliamonte, Sali A. 2012. *Variationist Sociolinguistics: change, observation, interpretation*. Malden, Massachusetts: Wiley-Blackwell.

Wardhaugh, Ronald & Janet M. Fuller. 2015. *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics* (7th ed). Malden, Massachusetts: Wiley-Blackwell.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Donnerstag, 11-12 Uhr
Sprechstunden während der Semesterferien:	Terminabsprache per E-mail