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# PhD Workshop

(also open to advanced MA students)

## Quantitative Methodological Approaches to Discourse Analysis

15/05/14 | 2:15 PM – 5:45 PM | University of Bern

Dr. Heike Pichler (Newcastle University)

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### Doctoral Programme *Studies in Language and Society*

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#### Target audience:

The workshop is aimed at PhD students and advanced MA students. It is open to participants from the University of Bern and from our partner institutions, especially in the doctoral programme (Fribourg: Multilingualism: Acquisition, Education, and Society, Zurich: Transcultural Processes in Iberoromania, Zurich: Linguistics), and in the Network of Centres for Linguistics and Research Groups in Europe (LingNet Europe).

#### Place and Time:

Room B-181 (basement floor), Uni Tobler, Länggassstr. 49, Bern  
15/05/2014,  
2:15 PM - 5:45 PM

#### Registration:

Students of the University of Bern register on KSL, other participants send an e-mail to Nadja Bucheli: [nadja.bucheli@csls.unibe.ch](mailto:nadja.bucheli@csls.unibe.ch)

**Hosts:** Prof. Dr. Yvette Bürki (Institut für spanische Sprache und Literaturen) and Prof. Dr. David Britain (Department of English Languages and Literatures), University of Bern.

**Workshop:** Heike Pichler offers a workshop on research in discourse-pragmatic features focused on the development of reliable and replicable methods for studying discourse-pragmatic variation and change.

**Speaker:** Heike Pichler (Newcastle University) is a variationist sociolinguist, specialising in the study of discourse-pragmatic and morpho-syntactic variation and change in contemporary varieties of English. Grounded in the Labovian variationist paradigm, her research demonstrates that full and accurate accounts of variation and change in discourse-pragmatics and morpho-syntax rely on the close analysis of social, linguistic-structural as well as discourse-functional constraints. She therefore combines quantitative with qualitative research methods in her endeavour to provide principled and accountable explanations for observed patterns of variation and change which are relevant not just for variation theory and discourse theory but also for grammaticalization and usage-based grammar.

#### Complementary workshop in the morning and apero

On the same day, 9.15 AM - 12.15 PM, there is a complementary workshop on quantitative methods in perceptual dialectology by Dr. Chris Montgomery (Sheffield University). Furthermore, all participants of both workshops are warmly invited to attend an apero which will follow the afternoon workshop at 6.00 PM.

#### Doktoratsprogramm Studies in Language and Society

Der Workshop ist Teil des Doktoratsprogramms Studies in Language and Society, das vom Center for the Study of Language and Society der Universität Bern in Kooperation mit dem Institut für Mehrsprachigkeit der Universität Freiburg, dem Romanischen Seminar der Universität Zürich und dem Doktoratsprogramm Linguistik der Universität Zürich durchgeführt wird. Weitere Informationen: [www.csls.unibe.ch](http://www.csls.unibe.ch)



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