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# PhD Workshop

(also open to other students and researchers)

## Communication Strategies Supporting Receptive Multilingualism

28/03/13 | 9 AM – 12:30 PM & 2 PM – 5:30 PM | University of Bern

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

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#### Target audience:

The workshop is aimed at PhD students, MA students and researchers with an interest in multilingualism. It is open to participants from the University of Bern, and from our partner institutions, especially in the doctoral programme (Universities of Fribourg and Zurich) and in the Network of Centres for Linguistics and Research Groups in Europe (LingNet Europe). The Workshop is also open to interested BA students.

#### Place and Time:

Room: F013, UniTobler,  
Lerchenweg 36, Bern

28/03/2013, 9 AM - 5:30 PM

#### Registration:

For organisational purposes, please announce your attendance informally by Thursday, **21 March**, by e-mail to Nadja Bucheli:

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#### Organisation

One day workshop, in two sessions, held in English.

**First Session:** 9:00 AM to 12.30 PM  
(coffee break 10:30 AM - 11 AM)

**Second Session:** 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM  
(coffee break 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM)

#### Preparation

Some reading material will be made available upon registration.

#### Content

Receptive multilingualism is a communicative mode to cope with multilingual communication in which speakers make use of different languages. Speakers make use of their receptive competencies to understand their interlocutors. It is important, though, that speakers develop communication skills that ease understanding, such as tailoring language use to non-native speakers and employing frequent checks for understanding, more than one would do in most monolingual conversations (Ten Thije & Zeevaert 2007). Bahtina (forth) distinguishes different meta-communicative devices of receptive multilingualism. In this workshop participants will exercise receptive multilingualism and analyse the occurring strategies.

Bahtina D. (forth.). *Mind Your Languages: Lingua Receptiva in Estonian-Russian Communication*. (Dissertation) Universiteit Utrecht.

Thije, J. D. ten & Zeevaert, L. (Eds.) (2007). *Receptive multilingualism. Linguistic analyses, language policies and didactic concepts*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

#### Doktoratsprogramm Studies in Language and Society

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