



University Research Priority Program (URPP) Language and Space



## International Summer School *Language and Space*

Kloster Kappel, 4–9 September 2016

## About the Summer School

Communication is inherently linked to physical and social space both in the sense of language areas (dialects and language contact situations) and in the sense of everyday interactions (interaction spaces). By choosing a particular language or regional variety, we identify with and/or distinguish ourselves from others. Modeling these choices is far from being a straight-forward process, and the nature of spatial limits to dialects and languages or the mapping of linguistic data to the actual landscape are still not sufficiently understood. In addition, defining interactional spaces poses a challenge to linguistic research at the micro-level of face-to-face communication, with its complex interplay involving perceptions, movements, and actions.

Seven leading experts in the area of language and space will present and discuss their recent research findings in these fields. Students will also have a chance to present their own research projects if they wish.

## Teachers and their Courses

**Naomi Baron, American University, Washington, DC**

When space is virtual: Redefining reading and memory

**Ellen Brandner, University of Konstanz**

Varying areal patterns of syntactic variation

**Curdin Derungs and Robert Weibel, University of Zurich**

Spatial analysis and visualization of linguistic data

**Andreas H. Jucker, University of Zurich**

Interactional architecture, space and virtual worlds

**Crispin Thurlow, University of Berne**

Non-places, empty spaces and the anti-communicational ethos of elite mobility

**Peter Trudgill, University of Agder**

The spatial diffusion of English as a mother tongue

## General Information

### Schedule

The Summer School will start in the late afternoon on Sunday, September 4, 2016. There will be three two-hour sessions each day on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. On Wednesday there will be two sessions and an excursion in the afternoon. On Friday, September 9, 2016, the Summer School will end with a last session and a closing event. Monday and Tuesday evenings will be reserved for (optional) presentations of work in progress by participants (Format: Pecha Kucha).

### Registration

The course is restricted to 32 participants. Final deadline for applications: **June 30, 2016**. Applications will be considered until the course is fully booked. Please, send CV, a letter of motivation and a brief abstract of your current research project (no more than 500 words each) in one pdf file to: [summerschool@spur.uzh.ch](mailto:summerschool@spur.uzh.ch)

### Information

<http://www.spur.uzh.ch/summerschool>

### Organizers

Prof. Dr. Andreas H. Jucker

Prof. Dr. Barbara Sonnenhauser

Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Stark

### Cost

Includes: accommodation, 3 meals a day, tuition, excursion

*Regular:* 650 CHF (ca € 600; \$ 650)

*UZH students:* 400 CHF

*Discount:* 400 CHF (available on application for participants from countries with currency problems)

### Location

Kloster Kappel: can be reached by train in less than an hour from the airport in Zurich.