

Proseminar Sprachwissenschaft

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Analysing Texts: Speech and Writing

SE2, Tue. 10-12, Room: 1502, 703, LingF5

To register for this course, please send an email to ute.roemer@engsem.uni-hannover.de by 4 April 2007. Class size will be limited, so please register as soon as possible.

This course will focus on language variation across spoken and written English genres and text types, such as face-to-face conversation, telephone chats, newspaper articles, or academic book reviews. We will look at formal and functional differences and similarities between speech and writing and analyse the processes involved in these two modes of communication. In order to do this, we will deal with real language data from a number of different sources. Our textual explorations will include hands-on work with a range of computer corpora (i.e. large spoken and/or written text collections in electronic format that are used for linguistic analysis and description).

Readings: The following textbook will be used in class and is recommended for purchase: Carter, Ronald & Sandra Cornbleet. 2001. *The Language of Speech and Writing*. London: Routledge (ISBN 0415231671). In addition, we will work with a number of selected articles and excerpts from textbooks which will be made available during the semester.

Starting on: 10/04/07

Prerequisites: introduction to linguistics

Prerequisites for certificate: regular attendance, active participation, short oral presentation in class (plus handout) [all *Studienleistungen*]; end of term test [*Prüfungsleistung*]

Language in class: English

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