

## Information on teaching and office hours in the Summer Term 2020

Dear students,

Because of COVID-19, all courses in the summer term 2020 will be affected. Most courses will start virtually and once the restrictions are lifted, will go back to their normal scheduled times and places. The current situation affects my classes in different ways and requires a fair bit of flexibility and willingness to adapt from all of us. All students attending my classes are requested to register in our learning platform *GRIPS* (<https://elearning.uni-regensburg.de>) and enrol in my courses using the following links:

- VL Sociolinguistics [42629](#)
- K Recent Research in English Linguistics [42379](#)
- HS English in Africa [42376](#)
- S Readings in Linguistics [42378](#)
- Begleitseminar Understanding English Linguistics I: Theory and Structure [42594](#)

On *GRIPS*, you will find the tentative syllabi, course requirements, the links to join the online classroom in ZOOM (see below) and further information you will need. For each course, there will be a forum. Please **only** use the forum to ask questions, as regards both contents and general organisational matters. Please check if your question has been answered before and don't write emails on general matters.

Except for the lecture, all courses require constant preparation and participation, which I will check online as well as offline. You must not miss more than two classes to gain credit.

Here are some more details on each class:

## **VL Sociolinguistics**

For the time being, I will record my lecture as a set of smaller videos and provide it together with study questions and quizzes on *GRIPS* every Monday. At present, I can only hope that we can have a regular in-situ exam in Week 14. More information in due course. Please also see the syllabus for further details.

## **K Recent Research in English Linguistics**

The research colloquium will not take place as a regular class. We will have one or two online meetings (see below for details), beginning in the second week of term (28/04) in our usual slot (Tuesday, 10-12h), in which we will talk about the course requirements, presentations, etc. If the contact ban has already been lifted, there will be a guest lecture by Prof. Anne Schröder (University of Bielefeld) on 16/06 (room tba). The remainder of this class will take place as a block seminar on 28 and 29 July (10-18h, room tba), in which students will present their internship reports and MA thesis ideas. There will also be presentations by the English Linguistics staff and a guest lecture by Dr. Sven Leuckert (TU Dresden).

## **HS English in Africa**

My HS on English in Africa will start as a virtual seminar (Wednesdays, 8-10; see below for details) and switch to face-to-face classes once the contact ban has been lifted. The structure of this course had to be adapted in that all student presentations will now take place in weeks 12 and 13. Please see the syllabus for further details.

## **S Readings in Linguistics**

Our reading class will start as a virtual seminar (Thursdays, 8-10; see below for details) and switch to face-to-face classes once the contact ban has been lifted. This class is least affected as students will prepare readings of linguistics texts and present them in turns in class each week.

## **Begleitseminar Understanding English Linguistics I: Theory and Structure**

Until we can switch to regular face-to-face classes, this course will take place virtually.

## **Information on online classes**

My seminars and the first sessions of the research colloquium will take place at their scheduled times on ZOOM, an easy-to-use online conferencing tool. You will need a webcam and microphone or smartphone to join as well as a stable internet connection. When you use ZOOM for the first, you must download the app onto your computer or phone. Please see <https://www.uni-regensburg.de/rechenzentrum/unterstuetzung-lehrangebote/zoom/index.html> for further details. Make sure that you have downloaded and tested ZOOM before your first class.

## **Office hours**

My office hours will be held as scheduled on Wednesdays, 10.15-11.45h using ZOOM. You can use your computer, tablet or phone to join using the details below. Once connected, you will enter the waiting room and I will ask you in once I am free.

<https://uni-regensburg.zoom.us/j/92079692687>

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