1st International Summer School on “Language Comparison and Typology: German and the Mediterranean languages”
28-Aug-2019 - 30-Aug-2019, Kalandra University Camping AUTh (Chalkidiki, GR)

Focus: The research network DeMiNeS („Deutsch-Mittelmeeresisches Netzwerk Sprachwissenschaft”) funded by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (2017 Humboldt Alumni Award for Innovative Networking Initiatives to Athina Sioupi) in cooperation with the Research Unit on (Experimental) Syntax and Heritage Languages at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Artemis Alexiadou) is organizing a Summer School for MA and PhD students. Host of the school is the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Kalandra University Camping AUTh (Chalkidiki).

Minimum Education Level: MA

The summer school is aimed at early career researchers – MA and PhD students, and other researchers –, offering a mix of lectures, courses and workshops on various topics relevant to anyone interested in General Linguistics, Linguistic Theories, Comparative Linguistics and Typology. The summer school will offer classes on a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches on syntax, semantics and pragmatics, corpus linguistics, historical linguistics on Language Comparison and Typology of German and/or the Mediterranean languages.

The summer school offers ten courses and workshops as well as one invited lecture. The aim is to attract students and scholars, who wish to broaden their knowledge in linguistics in a relaxed yet very focused and stimulating atmosphere that promotes in depth analysis and discussion.

The languages of the summer school will be English and German.

Description: Classes will address topics of NPs, Word Order Variation, Argument Structure, Space and Polysemy in a cross-linguistic perspective.

A plenary talk will be given by Manfred Krifka (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin & ZAS).

Classes (working titles) and Instructors:

Polysemy in the lexicon within and across languages: theory and methods: Thanasis Georgakopoulos (National Research University, HSE, Moscow)
Path encoding in typologically different languages: Barbara Lübbe (Universidad de Santiago de Compostela) (in German)
Syntax and semantics of NPs: Comparing German and Spanish: Antonio Machicaoy Priemer (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
Cross-linguistic investigation of argument structure: experimental and observational research: Elisabeth Verhoeven (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)
Interface between Syntax and Pragmatics: Word order variation in German V2-Sentences: Hélène Vinckel-Roisin (Sorbonne Université)

Beside several social events, there will be a poster session for MA and PhD students to present own research.

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Submission guidelines for posters
Please submit your proposal (max 500 words in pdf format only, margins: 2.5 cm or 1 inch, font size: 12 points, Times New Roman, spacing: single. An additional page for references, data, tables and figures can be included) by email to demines@del.auth.gr. Submissions do not need to be limited to the topics of classes; they should be anonymous, but please state your name, affiliation as well as your current status, i.e. MA/PhD student, in your message. Posters should follow a common format of A0 (ca. 84 x 120 cm) and must have portrait orientation. The subject line of the email should be “DeMiNeS abstract“.

Please make sure to enter a valid email-address and check your mailbox (including spam folder) regularly. On request, we will be happy to provide you with an invitation letter for visa purposes.


Accommodation
There is one accommodation option available, including camping in a tent sharing with other students a tent (small or big for 2 persons). If you would like to take part in this option, please email demines@del.auth.gr with the subject line “DeMiNeS accommodation”. The cost for accommodation with breakfast, lunch and dinner for four days will be approx. between 120-180 Euros. If you prefer to find your own accommodation, you can search online using various websites. There are a full range of rooms available around and within a short distance from the summer camp.

The cost does not include health insurance for the duration of your stay (for non-EU participants; EU participants are typically covered through European Health Insurance). You will have several options for payment including payment online.

Registration instructions
For application, please send a letter of motivation, a short abstract of your MA/PhD project (max. 300 words), and a CV to demines@del.auth.gr. In the letter of motivation, please indicate at least 4 classes (course & workshop) which interest you. Each participant may attend 3 of the 10 offered classes (courses & workshops). Please submit the electronic copies of all required documents merged into one pdf-file. The subject line of the email should be “DeMiNeS application“.

Deadline for application is May 20, May 30, 2019. A notification of acceptance will be sent by May 31, 2019.

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Participation is free of charge. The number of participants is limited to 35 for each class.