

**Symposium: *Approaches to variation and change in English*  
Programme**

**Monday, 21 July 2008**

10.00 a.m. Guided tour of the historic town centre (2 hrs), meet in front of Hotel Nepomuk

**A. COLLECTING AND ANALYSING SPOKEN DATA**

2.00 p.m. William A. Kretzschmar Jr.

Survey of research methods for the linguistics of speech

2.45 p.m. Daniel Schreier

Out in the field: Problems and prospects of ethnographic/sociolinguistic data collection

3.30 p.m. Jenny Cheshire & Sue Fox

Performed narrative: The pragmatic function of 'this is me' and other quotatives in London adolescent speech

4.15 p.m. Sweets & Coffee

**B. METHODS OF PHONETIC AND PHONOLOGICAL ANALYSIS**

4.45 p.m. Ulrike Gut

Analysing phonological and phonetic variation in English

5.30 p.m. Graeme Trousdale & Lynn Clark

Phonological variation in a Scottish community: Method and theory in Cognitive Sociolinguistics

**C. EXPLORING LITERARY DEVICES FOR LINGUISTIC PURPOSES**

6.15 p.m. Donka Minkova

Meter as a tool in linguistic reconstruction

**Tuesday, 22 July 2008**

8.15 a.m. Breakfast

**D. CORPUS ANNOTATION**

9.00 a.m. Elena Seoane-Posse & Nicholas Smith

Machine-aided manual retrieval and annotation of constructions: Desiderata for investigating grammatical variation in corpora

9.45 a.m. Sebastian Hoffmann

Using a heavily annotated corpus for the description of grammatical variation in Present-day English

10.30 a.m. Coffee

**E. APPLICATIONS AND PROBLEMS OF CORPUS ANALYSIS**

11.00 a.m. Christian Mair

Right in the middle of the s-shaped curve: On the spread of specificational clefts in

	20 <sup>th</sup> century English
11.45 a.m.	Terttu Nevalainen, Helena Raumolin-Brunberg & Heikki Mannila Computational techniques for handling “bad data”: Making the best use of small samples
12.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.00 p.m.	Hendrik de Smet & Hubert Cuyckens Idiolectal variation as a window on morphological relations
2.45 p.m.	Günter Rohdenburg Arguments against ambiguity avoidance as a factor determining grammatical variation in English
	<b>F. EXPERIMENTAL SETTINGS</b>
3.30 p.m.	Gregory Ward Distinguishing the SAID from the IMPLICATED: Using a novel experimental paradigm
4.15 p.m.	Sweets & Coffee
	<b>G. COMBINING MULTIPLE APPROACHES</b>
4.45 p.m.	Anette Rosenbach Converging evidence: On combining elicitation data with corpus data
5.30 p.m.	Bernd Kortmann & Lieselotte Anderwald Typological methods in dialectology
7.30 p.m.	Franconian Dinner at the Spezial-Keller, Sternwartstraße 1 (on top of Stephansberg)

<b>Wednesday, 23 July 2008</b>	
8.15 a.m.	Breakfast
	<b>H. COMPLEX STATISTICAL PROCEDURES AND THEIR PSYCHOLOGICAL REALITY</b>
9.00 a.m.	Joan Bresnan & Marilyn Ford Predicting syntax: Processing dative constructions in American and Australian varieties of English
9.45 a.m.	Sali Tagliamonte Variation theory: A descriptive interpretive method
10.30 a.m.	Coffee
11.00 a.m.	April McMahon Computational approaches to rhoticity in English
11.45 a.m.	Benedikt Szmrecsanyi The joys of analyzing aggregated linguistic data
12.30 p.m.	Lunch