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EC2U Doctoral Workshop

Linguistic and Cultural Diversity: European Dynamics and Intercontinental Entanglements

Unless mentioned differently, the event will take place at the "Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26, D-07743 Jena.

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Tuesday, March 24th, 2026		
8h30	REGISTRATION	"Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26
9h00	**Opening Ceremony and Welcome** Bärbel Kracke (VP for University Community and Engagement)	„Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26
9h30	KEYNOTE **Re-Imagining Diversity in a Global Context (Introduction)** Christoph Vatter (Department of Intercultural Business Communication, Jena)	„Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26
10h30	COFFEE BREAK	„Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26
11h00	Panel 1: **Governance and Technology for Linguistic and Cultural Diversity** Chair: **Virginia Langum** (Umeå) Presentations: 1) *Smart Cities for All: Inclusive Digital Governance, Linguistic Diversity, and AI Bias Mitigation* (Chandramohan Aisvaran, Turku) 2) *Multilingualism, Identity, and Power in European FanFiction Communities: Discursive and Cultural Dynamics in the Digital Space* (Inês Alexandra Da Silva Bernardes, Coimbra) 3) *Korean Movable Metal Type: History, Society, and the Gutenberg Comparison* (Carmen Soraya Herrera de la Cruz, Salamanca)	„Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26
13h00	LUNCH BREAK	„Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26
14h30 (Parallel Sessions)	Panel 2: **Foreign Language Learning** Chair: **Alberto Sismondini** (Coimbra) Presentations: 1) *Exploring Learning-to-Learn in the EFL Classroom: An Action Research Study of English Skills Development*	„Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26

	with Romanian Junior Learners in a Private School (Corina-Georgiana Balaban, Iași) 2) *Teaching Vocabulary in FLE: Strategies of Novice Teachers and Their Impact on Learners' Comprehension and Lexical Reuse* (Meriem Nacera Benbelgacem, Poitiers) 3) *Mother Tongue Teacher in Sweden and Their Work with Sustainability* (Felizitas Messinger, Umeå)	
14h30 (Parallel Sessions)	Panel 3: **Literature & Media** Chair: **Manuel Aragón Ruiz-Roso** (Salamanca) Presentations: 1) *Rewriting Troy. A Critical Approach to 21st Century British and American Female Novels* (Daniel Nedelcu, Iași) 2) *Exploring Orality and Linguistic Variation in English-Language Dubbing: A Pilot Corpus-Based Analysis* (Lorenzo Costabile, Pavia) 3) *B/ordering Afropean Identities in European Popular Culture* (Marie Kollek, Jena)	Room 208, Building CZS3b, Carl-Zeiß-Str. 3
17h00	CITY TOUR	Meeting Point: In front of „Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26
19h30	DINNER (SELF-PAID AND SELF-ORGANISED)	Individual choice of restaurants. List of restaurant suggestions will be provided

Wednesday, March 25th, 2026		
9h00	KEYNOTE **The Concepts of Multilingualism and Multiculturalism in the Official and Non-Official Settings in Cameroon** Joseph Mbongue (Department of German Linguistics, University of Yaoundé I, Cameroon)	"Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26
10h00	COFFEE BREAK	„Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26
10h30	Panel 4: **Cultural Heritage and Ethnography / Learning and Cognition** Chair: **Juan Manuel Martín** (Salamanca) Presentations:	"Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26

	1) *Açaí between Local Narratives and Global Superfood* (Lorena Ferreira Goersch Andrade, Coimbra) 2) *Burnt Structures, Smouldering Spoils: Trajectories and Recontextualization of Brazilian Ethnographic Collections between Rio de Janeiro, Lisbon and Florence* (Gabriel Santos Bossei, Coimbra) 3) *Influence of Language Learning on Motion Event Cognition: Evidence from L1 Chinese and L2 Swedish* (Zhang Qiujun, Umeå)	
12h30	LUNCH BREAK	Cafeteria „Mensa Ernst-Abbe-Platz“ Ernst-Abbe-Platz 8 D-07743 Jena
14h30 (Parallel Sessions)	WORKSHOP I **Beyond English: Language Policy, Power, and Learning in European Education** Michelle Hunter and Kathlen Exner (Center for Business Languages and Intercultural Communication, University of Linz)	“Haus auf der Mauer”, Johannisplatz 26
14h30 (Parallel Sessions)	WORKSHOP II **An Introduction to Romanian as a Lesser-Taught Language in Europe** Anamaria Gheorghiu Grecu (Department of Romanian Studies, Journalism, Communication Sciences, and Comparative Literature, University of Iași)	Room 208, Building CZS3b, Carl-Zeiß-Str. 3
15h30	COFFE BREAK	“Haus auf der Mauer”, Johannisplatz 26
16h00 (Parallel Sessions)	Panel 5: **School Administration, Classroom Interaction and Curricula** Chair**: Pauline Reiß** (Jena) Presentations: 1) *Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in the Foreign Language Curriculum in Basic Education* (Satu Koistinen, Turku) 2) *How School Leaders Navigate the Challenges and Opportunities of Leading Schools in Linguistically Diverse Settings* (Rika Rostika, Umeå)	“Haus auf der Mauer”, Johannisplatz 26

	3) *Ultrasound Insights into the Acquisition of Spanish Liquids by Japanese L2 Speakers* (Lucas Prieto Tárrega, Salamanca)	
16h00 (Parallel Sessions)	Panel 6: **International Cooperation in Research and Education** Chair: **Nick Ludwig** (Jena) Presentations: 1) *Discourses and Epistemes in North-South Higher Education Partnerships: Investigating Erasmus+ Capacity Building* (Osku Haapasaari, Turku) 2) *Researchers' Understandings of Social Responsibility in International Research Collaborations: Comparative Insights from Finland and Turkey* (Yasin Altun, Turku)	Room 208, Building CZS3b, Carl-Zeiß-Str. 3
19h00	CONFERENCE DINNER	Auditorium „Zur Rosen 2, Johannisstr. 13

Thursday, March 26th, 2026		
9h00	KEYNOTE **Nation-Building through Language: German, Dutch and Bulgarian in Comparative Perspective** Raúl Sánchez Prieto (Department of German Linguistics, University of Salamanca, Salamanca)	"Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26
10h00	COFFE BREAK	"Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26
10h30 (Parallel Sessions)	Panel 7: **Overcoming Challenges in Language** Chair: Felix Fahnroth (Jena) Presentations: 1) *Syntactic Complexity of Older speakers with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) and Alzheimer's Disease (AD)* (Elena García Piñuela, Salamanca) 2) *Linguistic Progression of Adult Migrants in Crisis Contexts* (FLS/FLI) (Olga Osinovskaya, Poitiers) 3) *Argumentation in Learners of French as a Foreign Language: the Role of Linguistic Mediation in Planning Processes through the Analysis of Note-Taking during a Prepared Monologue* (David Jauffrineau, Poitiers)	"Haus auf der Mauer", Johannisplatz 26

10h30 (Parallel Sessions)	Panel 8: **Language, Identity and Migration** Chair: **Manuel Aragón Ruiz-Roso** (Salamanca) Presentations: 1) *Multilingual Communication and Identity Construction in New Spaces and Contexts: Linguistic Practices of the Habesha Community* (Giada de Luca, Pavia) 2) *The Leadership Competence of Nurse Managers in Facilitating the Integration of International Nursing Professionals* (Marjut Asunmaa, Turku) 3) *Gateway and Getaway: Reframing Post-War Northern European Identity-Making with the Helsinki-Stockholm Cruiseferry* (Falk Rößler, Jena)	Room 208, Building CZS3b, Carl-Zeiß-Str. 3
12h30	LUNCH BREAK	Cafeteria „Mensa Ernst-Abbe-Platz“ Ernst-Abbe-Platz 8 D-07743 Jena
14h30	KEYNOTE **Multilingualism in Romania: Language Policy and Educational Practices in the European Framework** Anamaria Gheorghiu Grecu (Department of Romanian Studies, Journalism, Communication Sciences, and Comparative Literature, University of Iași)	“Haus auf der Mauer”, Johannisplatz 26
15h30	**Summary and Consolidation of the results of the workshop**	“Haus auf der Mauer”, Johannisplatz 26
16h00	**- END -**	

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