

Overview

Language and Space

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Mission for first period, 2013 – 2016

The scientific objective of the URPP Language and Space covers three areas:

- constitution of research groups
- development of linguistic research laboratories, and
- initiation of concrete research projects.

Constitution of Research Groups

The research groups are dedicated to two particularly relevant points of language-space-intersections. These fields are **linguistic areas** and **interactional spaces**.

Development of Linguistic Research Labs

The linguistic laboratories of the URPP Language and Space are concerned with the advancement of methodology and technology in language-space-research. Additionally to the already existing linguistic laboratories at UZH (Phonetic Laboratory and Psycholinguistics Laboratory), three further labs have been set up:

- a corpuslinguistic laboratory (**CorpusLab**),
- an interdisciplinary laboratory conceived in coordination with colleagues from the Department of Geography (**GISLab**) and
- a videoanalytical laboratory (**VideoLab**)

Research Projects

Within the two fields of interest (*linguistic areas* and *interactional spaces*) concrete research projects are initiated. One of the first sub-projects supported by the URPP Language and Space is the postdoc project of Hanna Ruch with connections to both research fields. In February 2015 the second postdoc-project, realized by Eleanor Coghill, has started, and several doctoral projects have been initiated in 2015. Additional doctoral positions will be created by means of co-financing. One of the core responsibilities of the two research groups is the preparation and supervision of these sub-projects. In this way **junior scholars are promoted in pursuing their academic career**.

Research and development plan, 2017 – 2020

Besides the development of the research fields Linguistic Areas and Interactional Spaces, the following objectives were put for the second period:

