

Call for Participation: Active participation in the events of the BMBF project "Interdisciplinary and Interregional Research, Development and Networking in Heritage Language Education (HSU-Interregio)".

Dear PhD students and post-doctoral researchers,

We would like to invite you to apply for participation in the activities of the interdisciplinary joint project "Interdisciplinary and interregional research, development and networking in heritage language education (HSU-Interregio)". The joint project is funded by the BMBF within the framework of the funding guideline "Event series for the promotion of young researchers in empirical educational research" from 2023-2026. The aim of the project is to bring together current research on heritage languages spoken in Germany and on heritage language education in an interdisciplinary and interregional manner and to closely link the perspectives, findings and needs of research and teaching practice.

We plan an event series consisting of three academic conferences and three online workshops. PhD students and post-docs will actively participate in the former by presenting their projects as posters and discussing them with critical friends (experts from research), and in the latter by exchanging information about their qualification work with heritage language teachers and actors from educational administration, as well as by designing application-oriented workshops for heritage language teachers. The first year of the event series will focus on the acquisition of heritage languages within the family, the second year on heritage language education in schools and the third year on grass-root initiatives such as community language schools. Participation in the activities of the collaborative project offers you added value for your own project by allowing you to benefit from a broad network of experts and the opportunity to present and discuss your research findings in an interdisciplinary context.

As a participant in this collaborative project, we offer you

- the opportunity to actively contribute to and shape the field of heritage language research and practice in Germany;
- nationwide contact opportunities with heritage language teachers, other researchers and leading experts from the field. The joint project cooperates with Prof. Natalia Gagarina (ZAS Berlin), Prof. Grit Mehlhorn (University of Leipzig), Prof. Christoph Schroeder (University of Potsdam), dip. transl. Barbara Stolarczyk (Writing Centre TU Darmstadt), the Landesstelle Schulische Integration of the Bezirksregierung Arnsberg, the Ministry for Schools and Education NRW, InZentIM (Interdisciplinary Centre for Integration and Migration Research) and IZfB (Interdisciplinary Centre for Empirical Educational Research) at the University of Duisburg-Essen;
- the opportunity to contribute to the design of practical workshops for heritage language teachers;
- payment of travel and accommodation costs according to the usual rates for the three attendance conferences at a flat rate of 200 EUR per conference;
- the opportunity to participate free of charge in the publication of a joint open access edited volume, the publication of your own research in a special issue of a scientific journal, and

- participation in application-related publications or materials to transfer the results and findings of your research into practice.

Prerequisites for participation in the collaborative project are

- work on a qualification project (dissertation, post-doctoral thesis) in the field of heritage language research in the context of family, school and/or community initiatives;
- institutional affiliation to a German university;
- the motivation to become actively involved in the emerging network, i.e. to actively participate in the annual events and (transfer) publications.

We kindly ask you to submit a short exposé (max. 3 pages) as pdf to the following address HSU-Interregio@uni-due.de by 15.08.2023, in which you provide meaningful information on the following points

- theoretical background, research question, methodological approach and expected results (especially with regard to practical transfer);
- indication of the discipline and the qualification phase (pre-/post-doc) as well as the positioning with regard to the three main topics of heritage languages within the family, heritage language education at school or heritage language education in extracurricular initiatives;
- current status of qualification work ("starter" - "intermediate" - "advanced").

The number of possible participants is limited to 20. In the selection process, attention will be paid to balance with regard to the above-mentioned criteria as well as to different disciplines.

We look forward to receiving your application and participation in the joint project "Interdisciplinary and Interregional Research, Development and Networking in Heritage Language Education (HSU-Interregio)". If you have any questions, please contact the principal investigators.

Information on the project can be found here:

<https://www.mercator-institut-sprachfoerderung.de/en/research-development/current-projects/hsu-interregio/>

With kind regards

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