

## MA Seminar and Specialization

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### Language contact: empirical and formal aspects

#### Description:

This seminar offers a combined empirical and formal approach to conducting linguistic research with special focus on language contact phenomena e.g. borrowings, code-switching, code mixing. It provides a more in-depth look into a sociolinguistic situations involving mutual interaction of at least two languages, as well as data-oriented and analytical approaches to it. The seminar course is coupled with a specialization course during which participants will become familiar with various types of data, data sources and methods of collecting data. This will equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary for gathering and analyzing them. They will also learn how to explain the linguistic facts illustrated by the collected data. Thematic orientation of the courses is provided below.

Class	Term	Theme
MA Seminar	1	Linguistics as empirical science: looking at language in its natural habitat
	2	Language contact: social and linguistics factors, lexical borrowings, structural borrowings, code-switching, code-mixing, tracing on-going influences
	3	Formal approaches to language description and analysis
	4	Individual student sessions
MA Specialization	1	Corpus linguistics: a methodology of doing language oriented research
	2	Mixed design research: combining language description with quantitative data
	3	Quantitative data analysis, presentation, and linguistic inferences
	4	Individual student sessions