

30th Conference of the Arbeitskreis der Sprachenzentren, Sprachlehrinstitute und Fremdspracheninstitute e.V. (AKS)

1 – 3 March 2018 | Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

CALL FOR PAPERS

Classic – Modern – Digital: Foreign Language Learning and Teaching at Universities between Tradition und Modernism

Language centres play an important role in the course of the internationalisation process of universities and other institutions of higher education. Their role in imparting foreign language and intercultural competence and skills is an integral part of today's landscape of higher education. This landscape, however, has undergone a fundamental change over the past 10 to 15 years, and this has also affected the demands that a modern language centre must meet. New target groups (i.e. administrative or academic staff) have been added to the 'traditional' student clientele, and the 'traditional' fields of activity have been complemented by new ones, such as supporting academic staff in teaching in English-speaking degree programmes or coaching PhD students. At the same time, digitalisation has led to a fundamental increase of new prospects and methods of foreign language learning and teaching. As a result, it has become necessary to develop new and future-oriented teaching formats and concepts and offer new services.

The conference aims to address these and other issues with a number of topics that will be examined in detail in numerous workshops. Their goal is to provide participants with an overview of current developments, successful concepts, new methods and solutions, as well as up-to-date results of research being carried out in the fields of foreign language learning and teaching, and to encourage them to develop their own ideas and put them into practice.

We would like to invite you to present samples of your work and research results in the form of lectures, work-in-progress presentations, workshops, or poster presentations. They should bear a clear reference to foreign language teaching and learning at institutions of higher education and also include practical examples for implementation or use.

The AKS acts as a communication platform for most of the institutions that deal with learning and teaching languages in the higher education sector in Germany and some other European countries and cooperates with CercleS, the European Association of Language Centres.

In 2018, the 30th AKS conference will take place at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. Apart from providing an overview of current developments in foreign language learning and teaching, the conference is also the ideal place for discussions and networking. It is rounded off by a social programme which will allow you to explore the city of Weimar and all its 'traditional' and 'modern' aspects.

Topics

1. Language Centres in today's world: New tasks – new target groups
2. Language policies at universities and the Language Centres' role
3. From practitioners for practitioners: Best practice examples and concepts
4. Language and communication for specific and specialized purposes
5. Further education and long distance learning: Sustainable learning/autonomous learning/digital learning
6. A new perspective on individual skills: Writing skills, oral skills, ...
7. Digital or classic? Testing, examining, evaluating
8. Foreign language learning and intercultural learning
9. Language practice as a part of philological studies: How modern may/can/should/must language practice for philologists be?

Options for your presentation

- Lecture in one of the workshops (25 min lecture + 10 min discussion)
- Workshop (90 min)
- Poster presentation

Languages

- German
- English
- Other languages according to prior agreement with the organising team

Registration

Submission of abstracts by 1 December 2017
only online under <http://www.uni-weimar.de/aks-2018>

Conference fee

As of 1 January 2018:	€ 90
Until 31 December 2017:	€ 80
Concessions (please provide proof):	€ 60
Speakers:	€ 60

Registration and further information

www.uni-weimar.de/aks-2018

Organisers

Language Centre of Bauhaus-Universität Weimar in cooperation with Arbeitskreis der Sprachenzentren, Sprachlehrinstitute und Fremdspracheninstitute e.V. (AKS) and Bauhaus Weiterbildungsakademie Weimar e.V. (WBA)

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Date | Location

1 – 3 März 2018, Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

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Provisional conference programme (subject to change)

Thursday, 1 March 2018	
01.00 – 02.00 pm	Registration
02.00 – 02.30 pm	Welcome
02.30 – 03.30 pm	Keynote 1
03.30 – 04.30 pm	Coffee break/exhibition
04.30 – 05.15 pm	AG Slot 1
05.15 – 06.00 pm	AG Slot 2
Friday, 2 March 2018	
09.00 – 09.45 am	Keynote 2
09.45 – 10.30 am	Coffee break/exhibition
10.30 - 11.15 am	Workshops Slot 3
11.15 - 12.00 am	Workshops Slot 4
12.00 - 01.30 pm	Lunch break/exhibition/special workshops
01.30 - 02.15 pm	Workshops Slot 5
02.15 - 03.00	Workshops Slot 6
03.00 - 03.30	Coffee break/exhibition
03.30 - 04.30	Presentations/Guided tours/special workshops
05.00 - 07.00	AKS members' meeting
07.30 pm	Conference dinner: Leonardo Hotel Weimar Belvederer Allee 25 99425 Weimar
Saturday, 3 March 2018	
09.30 - 10.15 am	Workshops Slot 7
10.15 - 11.00 am	Workshops Slot 8
11.00 - 11.30 am	Coffee break/exhibition
11.30 - 13.00 am	Conference wrap-up
from 02.00 pm	Guided tours/sightseeing