

Call for papers – a new optimistic attempt

28th GeSuS Linguistics Days, Society for Language and Languages

Theme: *Language(s) – Sprache(n) – Sprog (sg./pl.)*

University of Southern Denmark in Odense, 16-18 May 2022

– On-site conference –

After the cancellations and postponements in 2020 and 2021 due to the Corona-pandemic, the Department of Language and Communication at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense with the Centre for Communication, Culture and Society cordially invite you to the 28th GeSuS Linguistics Days (www.gesus-info.de) from 16 to 18 May 2022 at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense (www.sdu.dk). We assume that the conference will be an on-site event. However, the individual thematic sections will have the opportunity to organise themselves in a hybrid format.

Since the very first meeting in Munich in 1992, the Society for Language and Languages (GeSuS – Gesellschaft für Sprache und Sprachen) has organised their annual Linguistics Days in several European countries. The Society dedicates itself to the research of language and languages in all linguistic sub-disciplines and is open to different theoretical approaches and frameworks.

In 2022, the Linguistics Days will be held in Denmark for the first time.

This year's theme *Language(s) – Sprache(n) – Sprog (sg./pl.)* addresses the central position of implicit and explicit comparisons in linguistic research. Typological, historical-comparative, and contrastive studies are explicitly comparative by nature, whereas explorations of a single language, e.g., within a framework claiming universality, are, as a rule, based on or at least inspired by implicitly comparative ideas, they have comparative potential.

Besides discussing the results of concrete explicitly or implicitly comparative studies, the GeSuS Linguistics Days 2022 aim at focussing the comparison of linguistic phenomena as a method and as an instrument for gaining new insights from different perspectives.

Topic Areas

We welcome explicit and implicit comparative linguistic studies from the following topic areas:

- Phonology, Morphology, Syntax
- Semantics
- Pragmatics
- Discourse- and Text Linguistics
- Corpus Linguistics
- Translation studies
- Language acquisition and Language teaching
- Multilingualism in individuals, organisations, and societies

Keynote Speakers

Ulla Vanhatalo, University of Helsinki (Finland)

Claus Ehrhardt, University of Urbino (Italy)

Thematic Sections

In addition to the general section, the following thematic sections are currently registered (for further information see the conference website):

- Grammar and Grammatical Theory
- Communication while travelling
- Contact Linguistics, Multilingualism, Interculturality: Theory, Methodology, Practice
- Historical Linguistics
- Language acquisition and language teaching

Further proposals are welcome.

Conference Languages

The main languages of the conference are English and German. As the Linguistics Days support linguistic diversity, we welcome parallel language use with respect to papers and presentation; however, these should cover at least one of the main languages of the conference, such as providing presentation slides in English accompanied by a spoken presentation in Danish, or a handout in Polish accompanied by a spoken presentation in German.

Abstracts and Deadlines

Thematic Sections: Please send your proposal for new thematic sections until 28 February 2022, including a short description (approx. 200 words) in English or German, to klge@sdu.dk. The sections will be displayed on the conference website.

Papers and Posters: We kindly ask you to submit your abstracts (400 words including references for papers) for presentations (20 minutes presentation plus 10 minutes discussion time) or posters in English or German to klge@sdu.dk by 14 March 2022. Notification of acceptance no later than 25 March. Already accepted abstracts from 2021 remain accepted but may be revised.

Registration for presenters until 25 April 2022 at the latest. A refund of the conference fee is unfortunately not possible after this date.

Conference Fee and Registration

The standard conference fee is 100 € / 750 DKK. The conference fee for GeSuS members is 80 € / 600 DKK, the reduced conference fee for full-time students, unemployed and retired persons is 60 € / 450DKK. This includes the conference materials, coffee breaks, and the reception on the first conference day.

Persons without own income (e.g., students) can apply to GeSuS for a travel grant, see <http://gesus-info.de/nachwuchsforderung/fordermoglichkeiten/> (in German).

The conference dinner will take place on 17 May at Olivia Brasserie (website <https://olivia-brasserie.dk/>) in the city centre. Cost: 2 courses 259 DKK, 3 courses 299 DKK, plus drinks. Payment will be made on the spot.

Note: The conference dinner is **not** included in the conference fee!

A conference excursion is not planned due to the still uncertain pandemic situation.

Please find the conference registration form here: <https://event.sdu.dk/gesus2022>.

Entry requirements Corona / Covid19

The currently valid entry regulations to Denmark can be found here: <https://en.coronasmitte.dk/>

Organisers

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Venue

The GeSuS Linguistics Days will be held in the conference area of the Odense campus, University of Southern Denmark. The campus is located in the south-east of Odense. Address: Campusvej 55, 5230 Odense. Good public transport connections from the city centre.

<https://www.sdu.dk/en/service/vejviser/odense>

Important Dates and Deadlines

Proposals for sections:	28 February 2022
Submission of abstracts:	14 March 2022
Notification of acceptance:	25 March 2022
Registration for presenters:	25 April 2022
Conference:	16 to 18 May 2022

Contact

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Conference Website

<http://www.gesus2020.sdu.dk>

Registration

Please use this form for registration:

<https://event.sdu.dk/gesus2022>

Funding

The 28th GeSuS Linguistic Days are supported by the Carlsberg Foundations.

Practical Information

a) General tourist information

About Odense: www.visitodense.com; about Denmark: www.visitdenmark.com.

The currency in Denmark is the Danish krone (DKK). Other currencies are generally not accepted. Credit card payment is usually possible but there may be a surcharge for the use of foreign credit cards.

b) Getting there

By plane

For travelling longer distances. Easiest via Copenhagen Airport (CPH, www.cph.dk/en). There are direct trains to Odense from the airport train station or frequent trains to Copenhagen Central station (København H), where there will be trains to Odense. Note: Odense may not be the final destination so display boards at stations may give names of towns in Jutland (such as Aarhus, Aalborg, Esbjerg). All intercity trains going west will stop in Odense. Travel time from the airport to Odense is approximately 1.30 hours.

Train tickets cannot be bought on the train. These must be purchased at the airport at the red ticketing machines (credit card). Price approx. 330 DKK (approx. 45 EUR) for a standard single ticket with full flexibility.

Discounted tickets (so-called orange tickets) can be purchased online (www.dsb.dk/en), but these need to be booked early, are binding to specific train departures and are non-refundable if you miss the train due to flight delays. Standard tickets can also be bought online.

By train

For medium long journeys, we recommend the train via Hamburg, Flensburg and Kolding to Odense. Inexpensive saver fare Denmark tickets are available at Deutsche Bahn (www.bahn.com/en). Direct trains from Hamburg to Odense 2-3 times a day, travel time is 3:30 h. Other convenient connections from Hamburg every 2 hours, change in Kolding or possibly in Flensburg. Passport control when entering Denmark by the Danish border police.

c) Accommodation

There is no conference hotel so please organise your own accommodation. Odense offers a range of hotels in different price categories. Note hotel accommodation is not cheap in Denmark. Some suggestions:

- Cabinn Hotel Odense, (relatively) inexpensive, small, modern rooms, conveniently located directly at the train station, direct city bus connection to the university, www.cabinn.com/en/hotel/cabinn-odense-hotel
- City Hotel Odense, also relatively inexpensive, cosy, near train station, direct city bus connection to the university, www.city-hotel-odense.dk/40-home.html
- Hotel Ansgar, near train station, often special offers, good city bus connection to the university, <https://millinghotels.dk/hoteller/milling-hotel-ansgar/?lang=en>
- Hotel Windsor, near train station, often special offers, good city bus connection to the university, <https://millinghotels.dk/hoteller/milling-hotel-windsor/?lang=en>
- Hotel Plaza, rich in tradition, more expensive, near train station, good city bus connection to the university, often special offers, <http://millinghotels.dk/hoteller/milling-hotel-plaza-odense/?lang=en>
- Hotel Grand First Odense, more expensive, comfortable and dignified, located in the centre, easy to reach, www.firsthotels.com/Our-hotels/Hotels-in-Denmark/Odense/First-Hotel-Grand-Odense/
- Hotel Knudsens Gaard, more expensive, typical Danish ambience, comfortable and cosy (hygge!). Public transport to the university is, however, somewhat cumbersome. For getting to the university, we recommend walking (30 minutes) instead. <http://knudsensgaard.dk/en>
- DanHostel Odense City, youth hostel, cheapest choice, located at the train station, direct city bus connection to the university, www.danhostel.dk/hostel/danhostel-odense-city

More accommodation (hotels, hostels, B & B) on www.visitodense.com.