



## **Workshop: Usage-based approaches to language contact**

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**Organized by:** Research Unit "Emerging Grammars in Language Contact Situations: A Comparative Approach" (RUEG, FOR 2537) in cooperation with Center for Language, Variation and Multilingualism (SVM), University of Potsdam and Berlin-Brandenburg Turkic Linguistics Network

**Place and time:** 03. Dec 2021, Humboldt University of Berlin, 9.30-17:15, room t.b.a.

### **Program**

9:30-12:45, incl. 15 min coffee break

- introductory presentation by Ad Backus;
- short reflection on the program in the light of the discussion so far;
- round table on the degree to which usage-based questions are new and relevant;
- round table discussion on the degree to which current methods help answer usage-based questions

12:45-14:00 lunch break

14:00-17:15, incl. 15 min. coffee break

- writing session in which participants reflect on the relevance of usage-based questions to their research;
- general discussion about this;
- presentation by Ad Backus regarding wider applicability of usage-based approach beyond linguistics;
- round table discussion reflecting on this presentation and the issues it raises

### **Participants' tasks:**

- Send an email to Kateryna Iefremenko ([iefremenko@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:iefremenko@uni-potsdam.de)) until Nov. 17 stating your wish to participate,
- attach a short project description (150-200 words) and/or relevant paper in the email;
- familiarize yourself before the workshop with basics of usage-based approach (any usage-based paper will do)

Note that in order to keep the workshop atmosphere and in order to be able to keep up with present Corona-related restrictions, the number of participants participating in presence will be restricted to 15. Additionally, 4-5 participants from outside of the region can attend via Zoom. PhD students, postdocs and student assistants from the RUEG projects are given advantage (if they register in time). Should the number of further registrations (i.e. apart from RUEG members) exceed the limit of participants, a draw will be held. We will notify you by Nov. 22 about your participation. Please note also that we are not able to organize hotels for participants.