

## **Workshop Sign Language Discourse Call for Proposals**

July 2010

The 33rd Annual Meeting of the German Linguistic Society (<https://dgfs.de>) will take place on February 23-25, 2011, at the University of Göttingen, Germany. It will host a Sign Language Workshop which is intended to give an overview of research related to all aspects of signed discourse.

**Workshop organizers:** Martje Hansen, Jens Hessmann (University of Applied Sciences Magdeburg-Stendal); Christian Rathmann (University of Hamburg)

### **Invited speakers:**

Gary Morgan (DCAL Research Centre, City University London)

Melanie Metzger (Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.)

The workshop will cover the following areas of research:

- **Theory and methodology of research on sign language discourse, e.g.**
  - the use of technical terms like ‘genre’, ‘text type’, ‘register’, ‘style’ in relation to signed discourse
  - possible criteria for the classification of different sign language text types or genres
  - issues related to the data collection, annotation and analysis of signed texts and conversations
- **Analysis of specific text types and textual features, e.g.**
  - informal or unplanned text types like conversations and spontaneous narration
  - formal or planned texts like lectures, reports, description, jokes or poetry
  - discourse markers, connectives, turn-taking mechanisms, textual structures, use of signing space
- **Applied dimensions of sign language discourse, e.g. in**
  - sign language interpreting
  - sign language acquisition
  - sign language teaching
  - bilingual education
- **Signed texts and conversations in relation to Deaf Studies, e.g.**
  - signed languages between orality and literacy
  - development and diversification of signed text genres (e.g. poetry)
  - function and significance of specific text types in Deaf communities

### **Abstract submissions**

Abstracts are invited for 30-minute talks (20 minute presentations plus 10 minutes for discussion). Abstracts should be anonymous and confined to one page (including examples and references) with 1-inch margins and 12-point font.

Please send your abstract to Martje Hansen: [martje.hansen@hs-magdeburg.de](mailto:martje.hansen@hs-magdeburg.de)

### **Important Dates**

Abstract Submission Deadline: September 15, 2010

Notification of Acceptance: October 31, 2010

Final abstracts for conference proceedings: December 1, 2010

Workshop: February 23-25, 2011