

Varieties of English

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Leistungspunkte: 6

Semester: Sommersemester 2019

Zeit: Mittwoch 15.15–16.45

Ort: G227a

Description

In this course, students will learn about different varieties of English, concentrating on regional varieties spoken on the British Isles. We will discuss distinctive linguistic features (phonological, morphological, syntactic, semantic, pragmatic) of a number of regional dialects. These varieties of English will also be embedded in a broader context by discussing how they emerged historically. Moreover, we will reflect on theoretical frameworks and research methods applied in the field of (regional) variation.

Languages

- classes: English
- home paper: English
- contact: English or German (please choose the language you are more competent in)

Literature

There is no set textbook for the course but you may find it useful to have access to the following book:

Kortmann, Bernd & Clive Upton (eds.). 2008. *Varieties of English: The British Isles*. Berlin: De Gruyter.

Reading assignment:

Trudgill, Peter. 1988. Norwich revisited: Recent changes in an English urban dialect. *English World-Wide* 9: 33–49.

Requirement: a home paper.

The home paper must be submitted in English.

- for 9 ECTS: a home paper (at least 15 pages)
- for 8 ECTS (GymPO): a short home paper (at least 10 pages) + a short presentation
- for 6 ECTS: a short home paper (at least 10 pages)

Preliminary schedule:

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| 17.04.2019 | Introduction |
| 24.04.2019 | English dialects in the Southeast of England: Morphology and syntax |
| 08.05.2019 | English dialects in the Southwest: Morphology and syntax |
| 15.05.2019 | The dialects in the South of England: Phonology |
| 22.05.2019 | “CONSOLIDATION WEEK”* |
| 29.05.2019 | The dialect of East Anglia I: Morphology and syntax |
| 05.06.2019 | The dialect of East Anglia II: Phonology |
| 12.06.2019 | English dialects in the North of England I: Morphology and syntax |
| 19.06.2019 | English dialects in the North of England II: Phonology |
| 26.06.2019 | Welsh English: Morphology and syntax |
| 03.07.2019 | Irish English: Morphology and syntax |
| 10.07.2019 | Scottish English: Morphology and syntax |
| 17.07.2019 | English spoken in Orkney and Shetland: Morphology and syntax |

*: There is no class this week; this is the time when a reading assignment should be completed. However, an alternative appointment will be offered in June or July (for revision).