

Universität des Saarlandes,  
SFB 1102: Information Density and Linguistic Encoding

## Workshop “Perspectives on low-resource language varieties”

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(conference room)

While most linguistic research deals with data from widespread and well-documented European languages, experts from an increasing variety of disciplines are now working with data from **low-resource languages** and **language varieties across the globe**. Many typologists hope that these data will allow for crucial insights into language variation and evolution (e.g. Trudgill 2011). In our workshop, we will bring together researchers with different backgrounds and perspectives on the specific challenges and the unique promises these data hold, to identify common ground and explore the most pressing problems and possible solutions.

### PROGRAM

- 09:00-09:30 *Welcome Coffee*
- 09:30-09:45 **Kilu von Prince and Stefania Degaetano-Ortlieb** *Welcome words*
- 09:45-10:30 **Birgit Hellwig** (Language documentation in Papua New Guinea, psycholinguistics, language acquisition): *Child language documentation: Perspectives from language documentation, language acquisition and language socialization*
- 10:30-11:15 **Alena Witzlack** (Typology, language documentation in South Africa): *Differential argument marking: from linguistic typology to corpus studies and back*
- 11:15-11:45 *Coffee break*
- 11:45-12:30 **Alexander Koplénig** (Computational linguistics): *Languages with more speakers tend to be harder to learn*
- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-14:45 **Mattis List and Yunfan Lai** (Historical linguistics, typology, language documentation in China): *Investigating Verb Derivation Patterns in Sino-Tibetan Languages within a Computer-Assisted Framework*
- 14:45-15:15 *Coffee break*
- 15:15-16:00 **Dietrich Klakow** (Spoken language systems, Language modeling): *Low-resourced?*
- 16:00-16:15 *Closing words*

Please distribute to potentially interested colleagues.