

"THE COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE FOR LANGUAGES – HOW DO WE DEAL WITH ITS GAPS?"

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Curriculum development, assessment of linguistic achievement, materials development, educational standards – for more than 15 years, the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages has been considered an established framework which provides orientation and ideas for the various contexts in which learning and teaching foreign languages takes place.

On a practical level, limitations to the applicability of the CEFR have also become apparent, and there are certain aspects which the present scales and theoretical descriptions of the CEFR do not (sufficiently) take into account as yet, such as the specific features of language teaching at universities. These limitations and gaps must be discussed on both the practical level and also in relation to its theoretical foundations in order for there to be constructive further development.

The 6th Bremen Symposium would like to offer a platform to present possible approaches for solving the problem of how to deal with the limitations and gaps of the CEFR. Contributions could focus on task-based language learning, dealing with heterogeneity, plurilingualism, interculturality or learner autonomy, for example. Empirical, practical or theoretical approaches can also be presented and discussed.

We therefore invite you to present your work in the form of talks, work-in progress presentations, workshops or poster presentations which take a critical look at the achievements, challenges and limitations of the CEFR in relation to the topic areas listed below. The research should relate clearly to language teaching at universities.

INTENDED WORKING GROUPS

- Considerations on the theoretical foundations of the CEFR
- CEFR in curriculum development
- CEFR usage in testing and examining
- Materials development and CEFR
- CEFR and plurilingualism
- CEFR in language and literature studies
- "Extra-linguistic" aspects and CEFR: interculturality, mediation, strategies...

POSSIBLE FORMS OF PRESENTATION

- Talk in one of the seven sections (25 min talk + 10 min discussion)
- Workshop (90 min)
- Poster presentation

LANGUAGES FOR TALKS

German, English, other languages after prior consultation with the organising team

REGISTRATION OF TALKS

Submission of an abstract
30 April 2016 to 15 October 2016
may only be done online at:
<http://www.fremdsprachenzentrum-bremen.de/symposion>

CONFERENCE FEE

Before 31 December 2016 €75/ reduced rate €60
From 1 January 2017 €90/ reduced rate €75
Speakers: €60

REGISTRATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION

www.fremdsprachenzentrum-bremen.de/symposion
(Registration possible as of 1 September 2016)

ORGANISER

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