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METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES IN LINGUISTIC RESEARCH

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Negotiating methodological challenges in linguistic research is a conference held on 6-7 February 2014 in Fribourg, Switzerland, devoted to the discussion of methodological difficulties pertaining to data collection, analysis and interpretation in linguistic research in an encouragingly open setting. Participants are given the opportunity to give a talk discussing the methodological challenges that they face in their own research, inviting constructive feedback from the other attendees. Alternatively, they can opt to conduct a workshop in order to tackle a specific issue together with others.

Negotiating methodological challenges in linguistic research is geared primarily to junior researchers working in the fields of applied linguistics, historical linguistics, psycholinguistics and sociolinguistics. Experienced researchers are of course warmly invited to weigh in on the discussion. A defining feature of this conference is its focus on research methodology rather than research results and theoretical implications. We therefore invited four highly regarded scholars who agreed to set the tone by discussing their personal experiences in dealing with methodological concerns and practical difficulties in some of their previous work.

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