Call for papers

Date: September 22-23, 2022
Venue: Online

Convenors
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Description
Continuing and expanding the long-standing tradition of the German FFF conference series (*Fortschritte im Frühen Fremdsprachenlernen* = Advances in Teaching Foreign Languages to Young Learners) initiated by Prof. Dr. Norbert Schlüter and Prof. Dr. Heiner Böttger, this conference will bring together scholars working in the field of teaching foreign languages to young learners in the primary school context (ages 5 through 12) from all over the globe. The purpose of the conference is to provide an international platform to share current empirical insights into the learning and teaching of foreign (rather than second) languages to young learners in school contexts. The aim is to better understand the factors which contribute to effective and motivating early foreign language teaching and to identify research gaps which need to be tackled in the future. While the conference language will be English, research on any target language is welcome.

Keynote speakers
We are delighted to welcome the following plenary speakers at the conference:
- Prof. Dr. Heiner Böttger (Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt)
- Prof. Dr. Norbert Schlüter (University of Leipzig)
- Prof. Dr. Florence Myles (University of Essex)
- Prof. Dr. Yuko Butler (University of Pennsylvania)

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The conference organizers would like to invite proposals for 25-minute presentations, followed by 15-minute discussions, that have a clear evidence-based focus. The (new) submission deadline is **January 31, 2022**.

Criteria for acceptance:
Formal criteria
- Completeness (name of presenter(s), title of the presentation, Abstract: 300- 350 words excl. references)
- Clear empirical structure: presentation of background, research questions/aims, research methods and (projected) findings
- Handed in by the deadline of January 31, 2022

Content criteria
- relevance of the study for the scope of the conference
- coherence and quality of the theoretical background
- evidence-based design/grounding in empirical data
- well-founded and plausible research design, including methodological rigor of data analysis

Proposal submission:
Please submit your proposals through the conference website at https://younglearners.uni-wuppertal.de/en/, using the 'Paper submission' button at the bottom of the Call for Papers page.

Any queries concerning the conference can be addressed to the convenors.