

Upcoming International Conference at the University of Erfurt, Germany  
29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019

## Research in Literature in Language Learning Environments: Patterns and Possibilities

*The AILA Literature in Language Learning and Teaching Research Network  
together with the University of Erfurt*

From grammar translation methods which focused on canonical works of literature to contemporary approaches to extensive reading of young adult literature or the use of graphic novels, literary texts have long been a major part of foreign and second language learning. Their continuing importance is validated in the newly published descriptors for reading for pleasure and literary analysis in the companion volume to the CEFR (2017).

This conference will focus on researching literature in language learning and teaching to provide an empirical basis for our use of literary texts. It positions itself on the interface between literary studies, education, and applied linguistics. All levels of education are welcome – from use of picture books with young learners to the development of literary competence in an L2 in tertiary education.

The conference is open to all interested researchers in the field of literature in language learning and teaching and not restricted to the members of the AILA Research Network.

### *Confirmed Keynote Speakers*

**Geoff Hall, University of Nottingham, UK**  
**Claire Kramsch, University of Berkeley, USA**  
**Emer O'Sullivan, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, Germany**

### *Conference organizers*

Petra Kirchhoff, University of Erfurt, Germany  
Amos Paran, University College London, UK  
Sandra Stadler-Heer, University of Erfurt, Germany

### *Conference Details*

Venue: University of Erfurt, Germany  
Special venue: Forschungszentrum Gotha, Germany, with  
tour through the Gotha Research Library,

<https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/library/welcome-to-the-gotha-research-library/>

The Gotha Research Centre is an academic institute of the University of Erfurt. It is closely affiliated to the adjacent Gotha Research Library, which holds one of the most significant collections of manuscripts and Early Modern prints in Germany, <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/gotha-research-centre/>

Participation Fees: 90€ (incl. costs for travel to Gotha, guided tours, coffee/tea and conference dinner)

*The conference is sponsored by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Fremdsprachenforschung*

**Start of registration: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 via conference website**

Conference website <https://lilltresearch.net>

We look forward to welcoming you in Erfurt!

### *Preliminary Conference Schedule*

Thursday, 29. August

Registration

Conference Opening

#### **First Plenary Lecture**

Conference Warming (separate payment)

Friday, 30. August

#### **Section I Parallel Sessions**

Coffee Break

#### **Section II Parallel Sessions**

Lunch

#### **Section III Parallel Sessions**

Bus to Forschungszentrum Gotha

Guided Tours (Forschungszentrum / Ekhof-Theater)

#### **Second Plenary Lecture**

Conference Dinner in Gotha

Bus back to Erfurt

Saturday, 31. August

#### **Third Plenary Lecture**

Coffee Break

#### **Section IV Parallel Sessions**

#### **Final Open Debate**