

Sociophonetic essentials for dialectology in South Africa

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The aim of the workshop is to provide a foundation in acoustic phonetic analysis for sociolinguistic and dialectological research.

The day will be divided between tutorial overviews and practical sessions. The tutorials will outline analytic methods and relate them to current issues in sociophonetics. The practical sessions will provide training in analysis of vowel formants, consonants and fundamental frequency using the Praat software system and customised script functions. Data will be provided from sociophonetic studies carried out on British and South African English, but participants are also warmly encouraged to bring their own data.