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New Book on ecolinguistics [New!](#)

We would like to draw your attention to our new edited volume on Ecolinguistics: Martin Doering, Hermine Penz and Wilhelm Trampe (eds.): *Language, Signs and Nature. Ecolinguistic Dimensions of Environmental Discourse. Essays in Honour of Alwin Fill*. Tuebingen: Stauffenburg. *Language, Signs and Nature: Ecolinguistic Dimensions of Environmental Discourse* is both a Festschrift for Alwin Fill and at the same time an up-to-date survey of recent trends in research in Ecolinguistics - a relatively new and interdisciplinary field of research in linguistics. The volume brings together theoretical work and applied analyses on the interaction between language and its cultural and natural environment by prominent researchers. It covers a wide range of topics including cultural evolution, natural signs and sign-worldsystems, the ecology of grammar, the discourse of biodiversity, the construction of the world through discourse by the anti-green movement and intelligent design creationism, the metaphorical framing of epidemics, etc.

Roots of Creole Structures [New!](#)

This book reflects an ongoing shift in the study of contact languages: After a period of history-free universalism, it directs the attention to the individual historical circumstances under which the pidgin and creole languages arose. The contributions deal with different areas of language structure including phonology, morphology, and syntax, providing a wealth of structural and sociohistorical data that any comprehensive theory of contact languages will have to account for. Each of the papers provides a thorough description of a structural phenomenon against the background of the sociohistorical contact situation. The languages covered in the book are: Guiné-Bissau Creole, Haitian Creole, Hawai'i Creole, Indo-Portuguese creoles, Jamaican Creole, Lingua Franca, North American French, Mauritian Creole, Santomense, Saramaccan, Seychelles Creole, Sranan, Surinamese Maroon creoles, Vincentian Creole, and Zamboangueno Chavacano.
Editor: Susanne Michaelis

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Literature in Second Language Education [New!](#)

This book proposes the study of literary texts as a vital component of L2 linguistic and cultural knowledge. The research, conducted with students of Italian in Australia, is situated in the wider L2 context, and compared to studies on students' perceptions of English and French literary texts in countries such as Canada, Italy, Australia, Germany and the Ukraine. The first part of the book takes the debate on the inclusion of literature in language education as a springboard for posing crucial questions about how students, and educators, view literature. The theoretical framework draws from educational, linguistic, philosophical and literary theories, and focuses on the role of awareness in learning and the role of the learner's experience.

Rhetoric in Detail [New!](#)

The eleven studies in this volume illustrate and advance the synthesis of discourse analysis with rhetorical studies. *Rhetoric in Detail* shows how a variety of techniques from discourse analysis can be useful in studying such concerns as agency, legitimation, controversy, and style, and how concepts from rhetoric including genre and figuration can enrich the work of discourse analysts. The authors' research sites range from government commissions, political speeches, newspaper reports and letters to interviews and conversations in beauty salons and online. Methodological overviews interspersed throughout survey critical discourse analysis, interactional sociolinguistics, grounded theory, computer-aided corpus analysis, narrative analysis, and participant observation and

The second part of the book evaluates an innovative approach to teaching and learning L2 literature, and discusses the application of this to the language classroom.

Author: Piera Carroli

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provide suggestions for further reading.
Editors: Barbara Johnstone and Christopher Eisenhart

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Studies on Grammaticalization [New!](#)

Grammaticalization theory has played a major role in the developments in language typology and functional linguistics during the last three decades. Grammaticalization phenomena show that grammars evolve in a continuous way following cross-linguistically established diachronic paths. The contributions in this book shed new light on some central issues in grammaticalization theory such as the (uni-) directionality debate, the relation between grammaticalization and constructions, and the concept of multiple grammaticalization.

Editor: Elisabeth Verhoeven, Stavros Skopeteas, Yong-Min Shin, Yoko Nishina and Johannes Helmbrecht

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Word Grammar [New!](#)

This book is an introduction to Word Grammar, a theory of language structure founded and developed by Dick Hudson. In this theory, language is a cognitive network - a network of concepts, words and meanings containing all the elements of a linguistic analysis. The theory of language is therefore embedded in a theory of knowledge, in which there are no boundaries between one form of knowledge and any other. The most controversial idea in Word Grammar syntax is that phrase structure is redundant, because all its work can be done by means of dependencies between individual words. Word-word dependency is therefore a key concept in Word Grammar, and the syntax and semantics of a sentence is built upon this foundation.

Editors: Kensei Suguyama and Richard A. Hudson

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Key Terms in Syntax and Syntactic Theory [New!](#)

This book explains all of the relevant terms which students of linguistics and English language are likely to encounter during their undergraduate study. The book includes definitions of key terms within syntax and syntactic theory, as well as outlines of the work of key thinkers in the field, including Noam Chomsky, M.A.K Halliday, Lucien Tesnière and Robert van Valin. The list of key readings is intended to direct students towards classic articles, as well providing a springboard to further study.

Authors: Silvia Luraghi and Claudia Parodi

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The Primer of Humor Research [New!](#)

The book is intended to provide a definitive view of the field of humor research for both beginning and established scholars in a variety of fields who are developing an interest in humor and need to familiarize themselves with the available body of knowledge. Each chapter of the book is devoted to an important aspect of humor research or to a disciplinary approach to the field, and each is written by the leading expert or emerging scholar in that area.

Editor: Victor Raskin

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Language As Commodity [New!](#)

Throughout human history, languages have been in competition with each other. As the world becomes more globalized, this trend increases. It affects the decision-making of those in positions of power and determines macro language policies and planning. Often decisions about language (or dialects or language variety) are related to usefulness - defined in terms of their pragmatic and commercial currency or their value as symbols of socio-cultural identity. Languages can be modes of entry into coveted social hierarchies or strongholds of religious, historical, technological and political power bases. Languages are seen now as commodities that carry different values in

Rethinking Saussure [New!](#)

Ferdinand de Saussure (1857-1913) is widely viewed as the father of modern linguistics. As the key proponent of the structuralist approach to human communication, Saussure's legacy remains undeniable, yet is debated and contested to this day. This brief survey aims to provide readers with a concise introduction to Saussure's work as it now stands and an essential update for those already familiar with it. The discovery of previously unpublished documentary material on Saussure has enabled Roy Harris to write a comprehensive and often provocative reassessment of his entire philosophy of language. It features biographical, contextual and theoretical detail. Written by an acknowledged expert, in an

an era of globalization.
Editors: Rani Rubdy and Peter Tan

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accessible format this is a new and essential introduction to Saussure.
Author: Roy Harris

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The Oxford Handbook of Case [New!](#)

This handbook provides a comprehensive account of current research on case and the morphological and syntactic phenomena associated with it. The semantic roles and grammatical relations indicated by case are fundamental to the whole system of language and have long been a central concern of descriptive and theoretical linguistics. The book opens with the editors' synoptic overview of the main lines of research in the field, which sets out the main issues, challenges, and debates. Some sixty scholars from all over the world then report on the state of play in theoretical, typological, diachronic, and psycholinguistic research. They assess cross-linguistic work on case and case-systems and evaluate a variety of theoretical approaches. They examine current issues and debates from historical, areal, socio-linguistic and psycholinguistic perspectives. The final part of the book consists of a set of overviews of case systems representative of some of the world's major language families.

Editors: Andrej Malchukov and Andrew Spencer

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Academic Writing and Plagiarism [New!](#)

Plagiarism has long been regarded with concern by the university community as a serious act of wrongdoing threatening core academic values. There has been a perceived increase in plagiarism over recent years, due in part to issues raised by the new media, a diverse student population and the rise in English as a lingua franca. This book examines plagiarism, the inappropriate relationship between a text and its sources, from a linguistic perspective. Diane Pecorari brings recent linguistic research to bear on plagiarism, including processes of first and second language writers; interplay between reading and writing; writer's identity and voice; and the expectations of the academic discourse community.

Author: Diane Pecorari

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Chomsky: A Guide for the Perplexed [New!](#)

Continuum's Guides for the Perplexed are clear, concise and accessible introductions to thinkers, writers and subjects that students and readers can find especially challenging. Concentrating specifically on what it is that makes the subject difficult to fathom, these books explain and explore key themes and ideas, guiding the reader towards a thorough understanding of demanding material. Noam Chomsky is one of the most influential thinkers of the twentieth-century. His work in linguistics, philosophy and political theory has spanned six decades, and has been met with critical acclaim and controversy in equal measure. This book is an introduction to Chomsky's theoretical writings, but also a critical engagement with his work.

Author: John Collins

Explorations in Stylistics [New!](#)

This book explores some of the developments in Stylistics since its pioneer, Roman Jakobson identified the patterning of the message as the poetic function. It analyses in turn Golding's Pincher Martin, Rowling's Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, Housman's A Shropshire Lad, Elizabeth Jennings' poem 'One Flesh', Harold Pinter's The Birthday Party, Ishiguro's The Remains of the Day, and a range of poems by John Donne. The analyses show how Jakobson's emphasis on the message gives way to emphasis on the code or on undermining the code (in the Golding and Donne chapters), on the context (in the Rowling and Golding chapters), on the reader's response (in the Housman chapter), on the relationship between the addresser's and the addressee's shared assumptions and their use of pragmatic principles (in the Pinter and Ishiguro chapters). The pivotal Jennings' chapter shows how these different stylistic perspectives can be applied variously to the same text.

Author: Andrew Goatly

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A union of Cognitive Linguistics and Sociolinguistics was bound to happen. Both proclaim a usage-based approach to language and aim to analyse actual language use in objective ways. Whereas Sociolinguistics is by nature on the outlook for language in its variety, CL can no longer afford to ignore social variation in language as it manifests itself in the usage data. Nor can it fail to adopt an empirical methodology that reflects variation as it actually occurs, beyond the limited knowledge of the individual observer. Conversely, while CL can only benefit from a heightened sensitivity to social aspects, the rich, bottom-up theoretical framework it has developed is likely to contribute to a much better understanding of the meaning of variationist phenomena.

Editors: Gitte Kristiansen and René Dirven

[Read more...](#)**Corpus Linguistics New!**

This volume provides an up-to-date survey of the field of corpus linguistics, a field whose methodology has revolutionized much of the empirical work done in most fields of linguistic study over the past decade.

Editors: Anke Lüdeling and Merja Kytö

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MultiLingual is currently looking for articles - either for the focus section or a supplemental article - for the following year's issues (see below for a list of topics planned). Posted deadlines may be flexible, so please ask if you're curious. If you have topic specialties of your own that are not on the list or have ideas you would like to share, please let me know that as well.

[Read more...](#)**Announcement of winners of English Academy Awards, 2008****Thomas Pringle Awards**

David Medalie has been chosen as the winner of the 2008 Thomas Pringle Award in the category of the Short Story for his story "The Mistresses' Dog" published in *New Contrast*, Vol. 34 No 6 December 2006. The adjudicators noted that 'the power of this story lies in its understated dramatic irony'. David Medalie is a Professor of English at the University of Pretoria. He lives in Victory Park, Johannesburg. The award ceremony will take place in February 2009.

Olive Schreiner Prize

The panel is of the unanimous opinion that none of the plays submitted for this award is of sufficiently high standard to merit the prestige of the Olive Schreiner Prize. There is therefore no award of the Olive Schreiner Prize for Drama for the period 2005, 2006 and 2007.

BA Honours in Language Practice - North West Univeristy

The School of Languages at the Vaal Triangle Campus of North-West Univeristy is accepting applications for admission to its BA Honours degree in Language Practice.

New Project - Translate.org

Translate.org.za is part of the emerging African Network for Localisation (ANLoc). The network covers a number of sub-projects, each one addressing a specific issue with technology and language in Africa. The sub-projects are lead by passionate people from around Africa and Europe. We have the privilege of working on a number of these projects and also of co-ordinating the overall project. Funding for the initiative is provided by the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC). As many of you are passionate about Africa in general and not specifically South African language I thought you'd be interested in the following initiative from ANLoc that needs you help; either as a volunteer or as someone who can recruit experts to help. Martin Benjamin, who leads the locale sub-project, elaborates: ANLoc, the African Network for Localization, has started an initiative to build locales for over 100 African languages. The project is already working with volunteers on about

25 languages from around the continent.

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Analyzing Linguistic Data

This book is a guidebook for researchers and students who want to use statistical computation to analyze linguistic data. It teaches how different types of linguistic data can be dealt with quantitatively by using 'R' - a free statistical tool developed originally at AT&T Bell Laboratories. The book is divided in seven chapters, each giving instruction on how to use R to analyze different types of linguistic data, starting from relatively simple problems, gradually leading to more complex ones.

Author: Harald Baayen

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Text, Discourse, and Corpora

Arising out of a course on corpus linguistics, the papers in this book bring together the writings of leading experts in the field of corpus linguistics, addressing the methodology from a variety of perspectives. Lexical priming theory, parole-linguistics, or actual language use open to analysis, and local textual functions are among the topics addressed. A variety of corpora are used, such as the BNC (British National Corpus), smaller purpose-built corpora, as well as Google searches. Authors: Michael Hoey, Michaela Mahlberg, Michael Stubbs and Wolfgang Teubert

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Corpus Linguistics with BNCweb - a Practical Guide

This book presents a richly illustrated, hands-on discussion of one of the fastest growing fields in linguistics today. The authors address key methodological issues in corpus linguistics, such as collocations, keywords and the categorization of concordance lines. They show how these topics can be explored step-by-step with "BNCweb", a user-friendly web-based tool that supports sophisticated analyses of the 100-million-word British National Corpus. Indeed, the BNC and "BNCweb" have been described by Geoffrey Leech as "an unparalleled combination of facilities for finding out about the English language of the present day" (Foreword). The book contains tasks and exercises, and is suitable for undergraduates, postgraduates and experienced corpus users alike.

Authors: Ylva Berglund, Stefan Evert, Sebastian Hoffmann and David Y.W. Lee

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The State of Stylistics

The State of Stylistics contains a broad collection of papers that investigate how stylistics has evolved throughout the late 20th and early 21st centuries. In so doing, it considers how stylisticians currently perceive their own respective fields of enquiry. It also defines what stylistics is, and how we might use it in research and teaching.

Editor: Greg Watson

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Mathematical Linguistics

As mentioned in the forewords, this book requires a sufficient general mathematical maturity, but no prior knowledge of linguistic or languages. And it's true that the book is rather an introduction to linguistics through a mathematical point of view, than an attempt of mathematical formalization for linguists. The structure of this book follows the standard introductory courses to linguistics, but the emphasis will sometimes be on some advanced notions.

Author: Andras Kornai

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Clinical Linguistics

This book is divided into six sections, each devoted to a different category of communication disorder. The introduction gives a very intense overview of the role of the speech-language pathologist (SLP), her areas of interest and other professionals with whom she corroborates. (1) epidemiology and etiology, (2) clinical assessment and (3) clinical intervention. Within the categories of clinical assessment and intervention, sections are subdivided into topics such as feeding, speech, hearing and language. Throughout the book, the role of parents and caregivers in successful intervention and as partners in communication is stressed.

Author: Louise Cummings

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Linguistic Bibliography for the Year 2004

The annual bibliography of linguistics published by the Permanent International Committee of Linguists under the auspices of the International Council of Philosophy and Humanistic Studies of UNESCO. With a tradition of more than fifty years this book is by far the most comprehensive bibliography in the field. It covers all branches of linguistics, both theoretical and descriptive, from all geographical areas, including less known and extinct languages, with particular attention to the many endangered languages of the world.
Editors: Sijmen Tol and Hella G. Olbertz

[Read more...](#)**The Paradox of Grammatical Change**

This volume is a collection of papers presented at a workshop of the Deutscher Romanistentag in September 2005 at the University of Saarbrücken. As its title clearly indicates, its aim is to tackle the issue of grammaticalization viewed as a paradox since, while languages obviously change over time, they have no motivation to do so: they are perfect in the sense that they are fitted for communication, or at least there is no language more fitted than another one, and thus there is no reason for a given language to change since the outcome of this process will fare no better than before.
Editors: Ulrich Detges and Richard Waltereit

[Read more...](#)**New publication - The Weekly Qualitative Report**

Nova Southeastern University has launched a new online publication called The Weekly Qualitative Report. In The Weekly, we publish reviews of new books and other resources of interest to qualitative researchers, as well as announcements of new job openings. The Weekly is available free-of-charge and readers may subscribe to it and its sister publication.

[Read more...](#)**Universals of Language Today**

Includes a fresh and up-to-date survey of the present state of research on Universals of Language in an international context, with original contributions from leading specialists in the field. Features first-hand accounts of substantive findings and theoretical observations in different subareas of linguistics.
Editors: Sergio Scalise, Elisabetta Magni and Antonietta Bisetto

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Esperanto is by far the most successful artificial language. However, some of those who learned it were not satisfied with it and changed it in various ways. Esperanto has also been modified to serve as an intermediate language in machine translation. In addition, designers of some other languages borrowed many elements from Esperanto. This book is a survey of artificial languages resulting from these processes. After an introductory chapter in which the languages are presented, there are chapters on phonetics and phonology, the lexicon, morphology, syntax, and semantics.

Author: Alan Reed Libert

[Read more...](#)**Questioning Linguistics**

'Questioning Linguistics' brings together different perspectives on language studies and applications into a single volume and allows readers to examine how linguists of diverse traditions study and use this expert knowledge of language. By doing so, this volume invites us to reconsider the nature and focus of the field of study and questions a number of current thoughts about language theory, application, and use. In effect, the nature of linguistics, linguistic theory, and languages are called into question, as are the methods that we as linguists may take for granted in our developed research traditions.
Editors: Ahmar Mahboob and Naomi Knight

[Read more...](#)**Logics for Linguistic Structures**

The contributions collected in this volume address central topics in theoretical and computational linguistics, such as quantification, types of context dependence and aspects concerning the formalisation of major grammatical frameworks, among others GB, DRT and HPSG. All contributions have in common a strong preference for logic as the major tool of analysis.
Editors: Fritz Hamm & Stephan Kepser

[Read more...](#)**Language and Sexism**

The issue of sexist language has been hotly debated within feminist circles since the 1960s. Previous books have tended to regard sexism in language as easy to identify and have suggested solutions to overcome and counter sexism. Sara Mills takes a fresh and more critical look at sexism in language, and argues that even in feminist circles it has become a problematic concept.
Author: Sara Mills

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The Celtic Languages

Six modern Celtic languages are described in this volume. Four of these, Modern Irish, Scottish Gaelic, Welsh and Breton, are living community languages. The other two, Manx and Cornish, survived into the modern period, but are no longer extant as community languages, though they are the subject of enthusiastic revivals. The Celtic Languages sets them briefly in their Indo-European context, and states their general relationships within the broader Celtic language family. Individual linguistic studies are first placed in their sociolinguistic and sociohistorical context.
Editor: Donald MacAulay

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On the Biological Nature of Natural Language and Other Essays

The present volume contains six essays by Simeon Romportl, Professor Emeritus of the University of Brno, in which the author deals with various fundamental linguistic concepts from the point of view of evolutionary based linguistics.
Author: Simeon Romportl

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Handbook of Interpersonal Communication

Interpersonal communication (IC) is a continuous game between the interacting interactants. It is a give and take - a continuous, dynamic flow that is linguistically realized as discourse as an on-going sequence of interactants' moves. Interpersonal communication is produced and interpreted by acting linguistically, and this makes it a fascinating research area. The handbook, Interpersonal Communication, examines how interactants manage to exchange facts, ideas, views, opinions, beliefs, emotion, etc. by using the linguistic systems and the resources they offer.

Editors: Gerd Antos and Eija Ventola

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Culture, Society, and Cognition

This theoretically motivated approach to pragmatics (vs. semantics) produces a radically new view of culture and its role vis-a-vis society. Understanding what words mean in use requires an open-ended recourse to pragmatic cultural knowledge. Cultural knowledge makes up a productive conceptual system. Members of a cultural community share the system but not all of the system's content, making culture a system of parallel distributed cognition. This book presents such a system, and then elaborates a version of "cultural models" that relates actions to goals, values, emotional content, and context, and that allows both systematic generative capacity and systematic variation across cultural and subcultural groups.

Author: David B. Kronenfeld

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Language Interrupted

In this book John McWhorter looks at cases where language contact has resulted in a reduction of complexity but not to the same degree as Creoles and Pidgins. These are cases where the normal development of a language was "interrupted" by wide non-native acquisition which led to the loss of grammatical complexity compared to other related languages whose historical development did not witness such interruption. The radical claim that McWhorter makes is that all cases where a language appears to have been simplified to a degree not explainable by means of regular linguistic change are due to the intervention of non-native learners. The book examines a wide range of data in support of this claim.

Author: John McWhorter

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Sound Structure in Language

This book presents Jørgen Rischel's most important work on language and sound structure. It includes some of the most original and groundbreaking research of four decades. The chapters focus on stress, syllabification, accent, and vowel harmony, and their interactions with other aspects of language. They include exemplary descriptions of the sound systems of a wide range of languages, cover both synchronic and diachronic analysis, and reflect the authors lifelong interest in typology. The book will interest phonologists, phoneticians, and language typologists throughout the world.

Author: Jørgen Rischel

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Translating Music

Popular and multimodal forms of cultural products are becoming increasingly visible within translation studies research. Interest in translation and music, however, has so far been relatively limited, mainly because translation of musical material has been considered somewhat outside the limits of translation studies, as traditionally conceived. Difficulties associated with issues such as the 'musicality' of lyrics, the fuzzy boundaries between translation, adaptation and rewriting, and the pervasiveness of covert or unacknowledged translations of musical elements in a variety of settings have generally limited the research in this area to overt and canonized translations such as those done for the opera.

Editor: Sebnem Susam Sarajevo

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Lesbian Discourses

This is a book on sexuality, or rather on the corporeal - or on the language of a specific counter-hegemonic "marginal" sexual behavior, that struggles to show the concerned community's visibility as a (non-) mirror of "other", though this marginalized "other"'s imagination is also a dominant mainstream communal imagination. The book is searching a/many standpoint/s of lesbians in the given spatio-temporal constraints of England, Germany (partly), and the United States. The module of imagined state (of affairs) here is not the religion, neither language, nor so called "race", but the woman-woman relationship or the care of imagined collective selves.

AUTHOR: Veronika Koller

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