Symposium - *Fostering and Assessing Oracy in Foreign Language Education: Perspectives from Practice-Oriented and Design-Based Research*

**Date & Time:** June 11th, 2021; 9:00 – 17:00

**Location:** English Language Education Department, WWU Münster (Johannisstr. 12-20 or via ZOOM)

**Organisers:** Jun.-Prof. Dr. Julia Reckermann, Dr. Philipp Siepmann

**Participation fee:** €30 per participant (to be paid by May 15th)

**Registration:** Please register by May 15th, 2021

**Conference language:** English

Please find all relevant information as well as registration details here: [www.uni-muenster.de/Anglistik/Research/Tefl/symposium_oracy.html](http://www.uni-muenster.de/Anglistik/Research/Tefl/symposium_oracy.html)

This one-day symposium will bring together researchers who follow a practice-oriented and/or design-based approach to researching oracy in foreign language learning. The aim of this symposium is to connect the two fields of oracy and practice-led research in order to create synergies for and find innovative approaches to researching oracy in foreign language education. Educational design research and other forms of field-based and practice-led research can make an important contribution to generating theory on the teaching and learning of foreign languages while simultaneously inspiring innovations in practice. This symposium seeks to promote a broad understanding of oracy that includes traditional approaches of receptive and productive foreign language competences, but also embraces digital communication, language varieties, and the fostering and assessing of oracy in heterogeneous foreign language classrooms.

**Keynote Speakers:**
- Prof. Dr. Anne Burns, University of NSW, Australia
- Prof. Dr. Bärbel Diehr, Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Susan McKenney, UT Twente, Netherlands

**Call for papers:**
We invite presenters, including but not limited to young researchers, to present and discuss their projects concerning practice-oriented research of oracy in foreign language education. Presentations will consist of a 20-min presentation plus a 10-min discussion. Please submit an abstract of 350 words max., including the presenter’s name(s), affiliation, e-mail-address, title of the presentation, and references to claudia.weber@uni-muenster.de by January 31st, 2021. Notification of acceptance is expected by February 28th, 2021.

**Participation without presentation:**
We would also like to cordially invite those who are interested in the topic but do not wish to present a project at the time being. Please officially register via the website listed above.

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