

Workshop

Applications of Corpus Linguistics Methods for Socio-Legal Research

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Venue: room C423, Curzon Building, 4 Cardigan Street, Birmingham, B4 7BD

FREE TO ATTEND

The workshop is aimed at socio-legal scholars who work with textual data (e.g. judgements, witness statements, legal statutes, court transcripts) and would like to find out more about corpus linguistics tools that can be applied to such data. Corpus is a database of texts which is searchable according to a number of parameters and can be analysed using a collection of methods (e.g. word frequency lists, key words, n-grams – sequences of words). As a data-driven and bottom-up approach, corpus linguistics provides an objective and quick way of analysing texts.

9:30-10:00	Registration open in the Curzon building lobby Tea/coffee in C423
10:00-10:10	Welcome from the project team – Tatiana Tkacukova, Hilary Sommerlad
10:10-10:30	Group challenge for participants
10:30-11:00	Introduction to Corpus Linguistics – Andrew Kehoe, Matt Gee
11:00-11:30	Applications of Corpus Linguistics 1: Investigating Impact of Training for Frontline Police Officers – Matt Gee, Tatiana Tkacukova
11:30-12:00	Applications of Corpus Linguistics 2: Analysing court forms filled in by lay litigants vs. legal professionals – Tatiana Tkacukova
12:00-1:15	Lunch
1:15-1:45	Strengths and Weakness of Corpus Linguistics in Legal Analysis: A Case Study of the LLECJ Project (Law and Language at the European Court of Justice) – Karen McAuliffe
1:45-2:20	Applications of Corpus Linguistics 3 & Corpus Linguistic Toolkit Roadshow: Analysing requests posted on online forums and social media moderated by McKenzie Friends – Matt Gee, Tatiana Tkacukova, Hilary Sommerlad
2:20-2:45	Tea/coffee
2:45-3:00	Tracing links between linguistic choices and legal culture: A corpus-based exploration of UK Supreme Court judgements – Gerlinde Mautner
3:00-3:20	Methodological comparison: Content Analysis vs. corpus linguistics methods applied to the dataset of a complete body of ombudsman case law – Richard Kirkham, Tatiana Tkacukova
3:20-3:40	Group challenge for participants
3:40-4:00	Discussion led by Hilary Sommerlad