ELIA – Applied Linguistics Studies

This Axis has a professional structure for all the activities of the Department and has its general problematic: the study of language in context. The linguistic anchor guarantees the coherence of the scientific activity and allows the transfer of research for use in language didactics, translation, and linguistic engineering.

The Axis coordinates two Programmes:

(1) The Dynamics of Oral Language

Research 1: Dynamics of Discursive Patterns and Oral Language in Interaction Research 2: Phonetics and Pronunciation Instruction

(2) Corpus Linguistics

Research 1: Expert Discourse Analysis Research 2: Interoperability of Linguistic Data

[ELIA- PROGRAMME 1] The Dynamics of Oral Language

Oral language research is at the heart of the ELIA project and has yielded numerous results which have enabled the Department to be called upon for National and International projects. One of the strong scientific objectives of the Department is therefore to continue its debates on oral language, and the oral language represented by integrating a new dimension: interaction and multimodality.

Ø Research 1: Dynamics of Discursive Patterns and Oral Language in Interaction

"This research renews the work carried out by ELIA in the organisation of oral language. The study will focus on the identification and analysis of typical and atypical discursive motifs of oral language and language in interaction. Research on represented oral language (literary, digital writings...) will also have a place in this study.

Following the creation of video corpora from educational Escape Games and ELIA's contribution to the development of the ANR REACTIF project, the Axis wants to open its field of research with corpora, by integrating the analysis of multimodal data and the study of interaction in all its states and contexts.

Ø Research 2: Phonetics and Pronunciation Instruction

The target of this research is the prospect of the improvement of pronunciation instruction. The study of the phonetics and prosody of languages based on multimodal data could lead the way to a global didactics of phonetics. The research in the verbo-tonal method will also be continued.

[ELIA- PROGRAM 2] : Corpus Linguistics

Ø Research 1: Expert Discourse Analysis

Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary studies based on ELIA's expertise in discourse analysis will be continued. Discourse analysis already applied to Medical, Legal, and Art corpuses can be deployed in other SHS sectors, such as Ecology and Economy, and lead to both native and non-native languages. The new partnerships—developed within the framework of EUR CAPS for example—will be mobilised. The impact of the methodological and theoretical approaches implemented within the framework of the tooled linguistic analysis of Language will make it possible to maintain dynamic links between LIDILE and the socio-economic and cultural world, the results of these studies being able to have a direct impact on civil society through participation in multidisciplinary expert conferences and publication in appropriate journals.

Ø Research 2: Interoperability of Linguistic Data

Linguistic analysis for the training of foreign language teachers in FLE, ELA, and other languages, as well as for specialised translation, involves work on different types of corpora ranging from learner corpora to corpora of linguistic and didactic resources . The corpus collections already created by the Department, must now be defined in an ecosystem that can interconnect all the data. The objective is to make the corpora available through different user interfaces and IT systems. The operational objective lies in setting up a digital infrastructure. By applying ourselves to the TGIR Huma-Num, various services will be implemented within the framework of FAIR: findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable. The corpora could lend themselves to text and data mining. The data will be defined according to TEI standards such as XML and Dublin Core. Linguistic annotation and extraction issues will be studied. From an ethical point of view, Data Management Plans (DMP) will be drawn up for each of the corpus put online. The Axis will work to integrate this set of resources into larger platforms such as the Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure (CLARIN) and the European Language Grid (ELG).

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