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Welcome to the 10th edition of the Next Generation Literacies Newsletter! Here we provide information about recent and upcoming events, network activities, as well as detailed features of network members and projects.

ABOUT THE NETWORK

NextGenLit – Connecting, Guidance, Support

Our network aims to foster emergent researchers who are following an international academic career on the topic of language diversity. To support our network members, we focus on three key aspects: **connecting** (organising network meetings, summer schools and symposia), **guidance** (offering an international mentoring programme, workshops on soft and technical skills, joint PhD supervision) and **support** (financial support in travel costs, publishing and conference fee, support in applying for third-party funds).

MAY WE INTRODUCE...



...Md. Sadequle Islam

Network member Sadequle Islam received the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Prize for exceptional academic performance and social and intercultural involvement. A PhD student at Universität Hamburg's Faculty of Education, he is conducting a comparative study between Germany and Bangladesh that closely looks at English teaching and translanguaging practices in universities. To read more about Sadequle Islam's research, his social engagement and the DAAD Prize, check out [this article](#) in the UHH Newsroom.

Congratulations, Sadequle!

NETWORK ACTIVITIES

Connecting – Next Generation Literacies Conference

2024 got off to a fantastic start with the Next Generation Literacies **Network Conference**, *Social Participation in Linguistically Diverse Societies*, taking place at the old state library in Hamburg on 11-12 January. It was truly a pleasure for so many network members to get together in person, to share their research findings in oral and poster presentations, and to exchange stimulating ideas for ongoing and future collaboration. The conference programme was enriched by keynote lectures by renowned scholars in the field: Prof. David Little, Trinity College Dublin, gave a lecture on “Learner Autonomy, Plurilingualism and Interculturality: Pedagogies for Literacy in a Democratic World”; Prof. Joseph Lo Bianco, University of Melbourne, shared his expertise in a virtual talk entitled “Dominant Language Constellations: A Perspective on Present-day Multilingualism.”

You can view the full conference programme [here](#), Prof. Lo Bianco's keynote [here](#), some reflections from Prof. Ingrid Piller on the network's legacies [here](#), and a selection of photographs from the conference [here](#).

Connecting – Ana Sofia Bruzon (Macquarie University) visits Universität Hamburg

Between an international conference in Rotterdam and a seminar in London, Ana Sofia Bruzon attended the Faculty of Education at Universität Hamburg as visiting researcher in December 2023/January 2024. For her PhD at Macquarie University, Ana is investigating heritage-language maintenance and the digital practices of transnational families, from which she shared some findings in a presentation at the network conference (see above). Ana's account of her [trip](#) in becoming “a world-ready researcher” is available on *Language on the Move*.

Guidance – NextGenLit Mentoring Programme

Having successfully launched our Mentoring Programme in 2022, we are pleased to

report that the second round of matchups is now in full swing. The aim of the programme is to form intergenerational, supportive learning relationships between emerging researchers and experienced academics. So far, informal feedback from emerging researchers in the programme is highly positive: *“the relationship works really well”, “I can reach out any time”, “it’s so motivating”*.

Guidance – Workshops on Open Science

In December 2023, Next Generation Literacies hosted a capacity-building workshop on the topic of open science. Dr Meng Liu, Beijing Foreign Studies University, led the workshop entitled “Open Science Demystified: A Primer from Historical Roots to Future Horizons.” A follow-up workshop will take place on 29 February, this time guided by Dr Christoph Schindler, Leibniz Institute for Research and Information in Education (DIPF, Germany). For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

Support – Next Generation Literacies Network Conference, 11-12 January 2024 in Hamburg (again!)

We were so happy to be able to financially support several network members to travel to Hamburg in January to participate in the network conference. Pia Tenedero made the journey from Manila in the Philippines to share her reflections on growing as a researcher through the connection, guidance and support offered by NextGenLit. Her experience is summarised in a [blogpost](#) on *Language on the Move*.

Lastly...

Are you interested in **connecting** with NextGenLit? We would be happy to feature you, your research or your research team in our recurring newsletter segment “May we introduce ...” – Just get in touch!

Are you interested in NextGenLit **guidance**? Feel free to suggest a workshop for capacity building. Even better, you can offer to lead a capacity-building workshop!

Are you interested in offers of **support**? We strongly encourage emergent researchers to communicate their needs. We are happy to assist as best we can!

Please view the NextGenLit website to get an overview of our guiding principles and activities: <https://uhh.de/k25ex>

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