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# BILINGUALISM MATTERS BRANCH

## KONSTANZ, GERMANY

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# The launch, Jan. 24, 2014

Launch Zentrum für Mehrsprachigkeit  
Ratssaal Stadt Konstanz



With Antonella Sorace



Peter Friedrich, Baden-  
Württemberg  
Minister for European Affairs



Invited speakers  
(Major of Konstanz,  
Vice Rector of Uni  
Konstanz, Foundation  
representatives, etc.)



Our team of student assistants



# AthEME: Advancing the European Multilingual Experience

Dissemination: the AThEME research findings should be made available to and benefit a broader audience (general public, parents, teachers, policy makers).



Multilingualism in Konstanz



Multilingualism in Europe



**Zentrum für  
Mehrsprachigkeit/  
Center for Multilingualism**

**RESEARCH**

**INFORMATION**

**CONSULTATION**



# Information: Parent workshops

## ❖ Parent Workshop:

**Multilingual Upbringing / Multilingualism in early childhood**

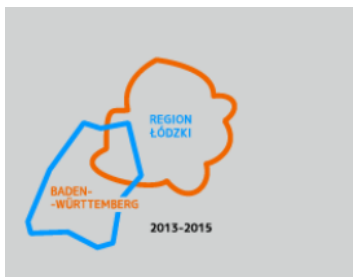


- ❖ Workshop for parents of Turkish background (together with the Department of Integration of the city of Kreuzlingen, Switzerland, CH)
- ❖ Workshop for Italian parents living in Germany on the benefits of a multilingual environment and education for children



# Information: Multilingual Education

- ❖ Information on Language Assistance Programmes for multilingual children in day care centers
- ❖ **„Let's CLIL together“ conference on bilingual education for Foreign Language Teachers:** Talk by T. Rinker  
(Comenius Project, City of Konstanz and City of Lodz, Poland)
- ❖ Participation in education information sessions for multilingual parents





# Consultation

- ❖ Phone consultation for families, institutions, etc.
- ❖ Participation on board for refugee children
- ❖ Network for school and integration
- ❖ Meetings with language schools, advising the program for teachers at the university of Konstanz, etc.
- ❖ Interviews with local media and beyond



# Multilingualism at the University



## ❖ Seminar: Multilingualism at the University

## ❖ Winter terms 2014/15, 2015/2016, 2016/2017: Lecture Series “Multilingualism” (regularly established now)

## ❖ Project seminar (Department of Linguistics & Department of Sociology) on Discrimination and Language

## ❖ Seminar „Multilingualism in schools“ in collaboration with two local schools)

## ❖ Teaching program on multilingualism in the classroom (since April 2016)





# Research Colloquium

- ❖ Since the initiation of the Center: monthly research colloquium: open to center members and guests
- ❖ Forum for AThEME-researchers to present and discuss their current work
- ❖ External guests (V. Shafer (CUNY), E. Zettl (PH Kreuzlingen), M. Schmid (Essex), N. Budde (University of Ulm), Inci Dirim (Vienna), Maarten Kossmann (Leiden))
- ❖ Other university members working on topics related to multilingualism



# Conferences „Multilingualism in Day Care and Schools“

**October 2015 + September 2017:** One day conference with internationally renowned speakers and more than 140 people who attended talks, participated in the discussions



# Target audience

- Started out „wide open“ (adults, older and younger children, etc.)
  - Two new grants focus on multilingualism in the classroom
  - Large concern with changing societal conditions for politicians in Germany

Also: new stakeholders from the educational domain (Board of education, Italian consulate, etc.)



# Project funding

- **“Transferplattform: Multilingualism in Day Care and Primary Schools” (2015-2017)**

University of Konstanz, Excellence Funds

162 800 Euro

- **“Fostering academic language” (2016-2021)**

Ministry of Education, Research, Baden- Württemberg

926 000 Euro

# Current Members



**Director:** Tanja Rinker, **Co-Founder:** Janet Grijzenhout

**AThEME Project members:**

- Josef Bayer, Claudia Diehl, Constantin Freitag, Anne Gresser, Janet Grijzenhout, Monika Lindauer

**Members project “Transferplattform: Multilingualism in Day Care and Primary Schools” / “Fostering academic language**

- Ramona Baumgartner, Frank Fuchshuber

**Members project “Fostering academic language”**

- Erkam Ekinci, Svenja Kornher

**Other members:**

- faculty and academic staff of the Departments of linguistics, literature, psychology and sociology

