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Talks

Language Socialization in Study Abroad
Celeste Kinginger, Professor of French and Applied Linguistics
The Pennsylvania State University
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Thursday, October 6, 3:00-4:00pm
Wells Hall C300

Study abroad can have a positive impact in every domain of language competence, but its potential is especially significant for the development of social interactive abilities (e.g., sociolinguistic, discourse, and pragmatic competencies). Following a brief overview of applied linguistics research in this setting, this talk will focus on studies of language socialization in specific communicative settings: the homestay, the classroom, and informal contexts. I will then review selected studies examining the results of the socialization process in terms of language awareness and use. A critique of the contemporary knowledge base in this domain will follow, along with a wish list of design features for the future of research on language development in study abroad. Finally, I will discuss the implications of the research for the choice, design, and best use of study abroad programs for language learners.

Workshops

Friday, October 7, 3:00-4:00pm
Wells Hall A607

Focusing on grammar within meaning-based activities
Charlene Polio, Department of Linguistics & Germanic, Slavic, Asian, & African Languages

Wednesday, November 9, 12:00-1:00pm
Wells Hall A607

Using elements of reading circles to teach all levels of reading
Amy Kroesche, English Language Center