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## ARBEITSGRUPPE / WORKSHOP 6

Raum / Room: [specified by organizers], Seminargebäude

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### Patterns in linguistic avoidance

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#### Mittwoch / Wednesday, 25.02.2026

- 13:45-14:15 Jones Y. Anam, Lena Jubelius, Natalie Verelst & Christian Zimmer (Dortmund)  
*Introduction*
- 14:15-15:15 Nils Langer & Meike Sophie Ohlsen (Flensburg)  
*Avoiding Frisian*
- 15:15-15:45 Naomi Truan (Leiden)  
*When migration reinforces language ideologies: Dialect avoidance as strategic adaptation in transnational communication spaces*

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#### 15:45-16:30 PAUSE / BREAK

- 16:30-17:00 Jeffrey Pheiff (Dortmund)  
*Evaluation, Grammar, and Avoidance: Patterns of grammatical variation across speaker groups*
- 17:00-17:30 Rebecca Karrer (Graz)  
*A pattern of avoidance – A pattern of distancing. Reframing the communicative function of the German werden-passive*
- 17:30-18:00 Andreas Konietzko (HU Berlin)  
*Tracing a new pattern of avoidance – The case of subordinate focal ellipsis in German*

#### Donnerstag / Thursday, 26.02.2026

- 09:00-10:00 George Aaron Broadwell (Florida)  
*Word avoidances in Muskogean languages*
- 10:00-10:30 Kaoru Lisa Silverman (Fukuoka)  
*“Not at the dinner table”: Euphemism, dysphemism, and cross-linguistic avoidance in toilet-related expressions*

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#### 10:30-11:15 PAUSE / BREAK

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| 11:15-11:45                         | Nicole Benker (LMU Munich) & Judit Vári (LMU & TU Munich)<br><i>Do speakers of German use Romance loans as an avoidance strategy for anglicisms?</i>      |
| 11:45-12:15                         | Christian Zimmer (Dortmund)<br><i>Avoiding spelling variants: Social meaning in name writing</i>                                                          |
| 12:15-12:45                         | Natalie Verelst (Dortmund)<br><i>Neutralising personal nouns as an undoing-gender strategy: Metalinguistic awareness and patterns of use</i>              |
| <b>12:45-13:45</b>                  | <b>MITTAGSPAUSE / LUNCH BREAK</b>                                                                                                                         |
| 13:45-14:15                         | Sophie Ellsäßer (Osnabrück)<br><i>Avoiding jemand? A study on alternative structures for German indefinites</i>                                           |
| 14:15-14:45                         | Vesela Simeonova (Graz), Daria Seres (Graz) & Luca Molinari (Wrocław)<br><i>Avoiding referents with "irrelevant" indefinites</i>                          |
| <b>Freitag / Friday, 27.02.2026</b> |                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11:45-12:45                         | Natalia Levshina (Nijmegen)<br><i>Communicatively efficient language use: Preference or avoidance?</i>                                                    |
| 12:45-13:15                         | René Nicolas & Arndt Riester (Bielefeld)<br><i>Towards a typology of answer avoidance in political interviews</i>                                         |
| 13:15-13:45                         | Semra Kızılkaya (Bielefeld)<br><i>»Don't say inshallah, just say yes or no«. Semantics, pragmatics and patterns of avoidance with inshallah in German</i> |
| 13:45-14:15                         | Jones Y. Anam, Lena Jubelius, Natalie Verelst & Christian Zimmer (Dortmund)<br><i>Final discussion</i>                                                    |