

Creating an open access journal

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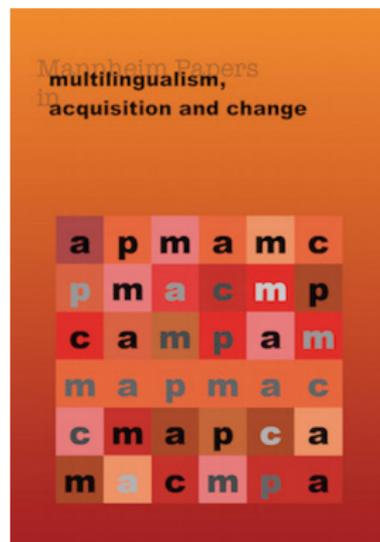
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A new journal comes into being ...

Objectives

- Create a journal that documents current research at our institute
- Two parts of the journal:
 - one part where research is published in the form of working papers
 - one part where excellent students' papers are published



Why this topic?

- **Multilingualism, acquisition and change** are topics that build the core of research interests at our institute (AIV).
- **Modelling acquisition in diachrony** is a highly topical, interdisciplinary goal that is at the centre of a **research unit (DFG-Forschungsgruppe)** that we have been planning for some time. Experts from the fields of historical linguistics, psycholinguistics, and mathematical modelling (learnability) will be working together to gain insights into the locus of change in acquisition and how learnability can be mathematically modelled. For further info see <https://tinyurl.com/ru-mermaid>
- The topics of the journal link the research interests of both institutes of English linguistics (AI and AIV).

Why working papers?

- We want to **document our collaborative activities that lead to the RU proposal** → publication of results of our workshop in April.
- This format allows us to make results of our **current research swiftly available** to the community. It's a more **informal** way of publishing which makes it possible to publish thorough revisions of the papers elsewhere (e.g. high-class journals) at a later point.
- We may extend this offer to other colleagues in the field (**invitation to working papers**).

Why we want to establish the students' papers

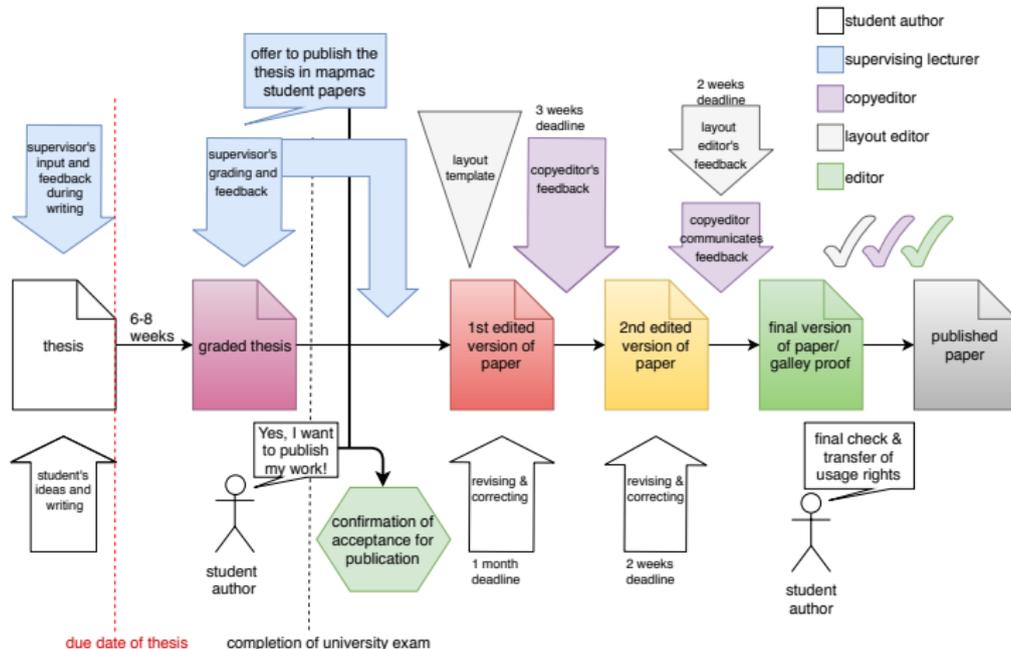
Benefits and Incentives for ...

- Students
- Institute (A IV)
- Scientific Community

Why we want to establish the students' papers

- Students ...
 - 1 who continue in academia
 - sense of achievement
 - feedback & practice
 - 'publication light'
 - refer back to own work; pilot studies
 - applications for scholarships etc.
 - 2 who leave university after completing their degree
 - increase attractiveness to employers
 - practice and preparation for expert tasks
 - 3 younger students
 - inspiration for own topic
 - model function & guideline
- Institute
 - strengthen relationships
 - attract talents
 - systematize knowledge objectives and research goals
 - documentation/knowledge management
 - establish quality standards
- Scientific Community
 - share knowledge

How we will process the students' papers - manuscript workflow



Time schedule

- First working papers will be published in spring 2019 (results of MERMAID workshop 2018)
- First students' paper will be published in spring 2019 (code-switching in medieval English).
- Another two have been accepted).
- Hopefully, there are many more to come ...

