

## Lancaster Summer Schools in Corpus linguistics 2022: Open sessions

As part of the **Lancaster Summer Schools in Corpus Linguistics 2022**, we are offering a range of sessions which are open to anybody who is interested in the topic. The sessions will be delivered through MS Teams, an online platform, through which you can watch the sessions and interact with the speakers (e.g. ask questions via the chat function). You can find the timetable for the sessions as well as the links through which you can join the sessions below. **All times shown on this timetable are in UK time (BST).**

**Dr Vaclav Brezina**: **Emerging from the pandemic: what statistics lessons can corpus linguists learn?** *Lecture, Monday 20th June, 5-6pm*

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There are periods in history where numbers become an essential part of our shared experience. Coming out of the pandemic, we can still remember daily cases being reported on first pages of newspapers and visualisations of the trends being discussed. We were thus exposed to an unprecedented amount of statistical information with immediate consequences to our daily lives. This shared experience provides an opportunity, among other things, to reflect on our understanding of statistical information forged through the long months of this collective experience.

This lecture offers an accessible introduction to statistics in corpus linguistics with a range of engaging examples of efficient statistical techniques and visualization of linguistic data connecting these to the statistical lessons learned coming out of the pandemic.

**Prof Jonathan Culpeper**: **Shakespeare's Words, Words, Words: Insights via Corpus Methods** *Lecture, Tuesday, 21st June, 5-6pm*

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The kinds of difficulties that historical language presents corpus analysis are not generally different from those of present-day language. What differs is the degree of difficulty: historical language, especially from the more distant past, presents a chokingly thick concentration of every possible difficulty. I will touch on, amongst other things, spelling variation, words and lemmas and grammatical tagging. Along the way, I will provide insights into Shakespeare's language, including his supposedly massive contribution to new English vocabulary.



**Prof Elena Semino: Corpus linguistics and health communication: Metaphors for Covid-19**

*Lecture, Thursday, 23rd June, 5-6pm*

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Since the beginning of the current pandemic, Covid-19 has been talked about through metaphors, for example as an enemy to be beaten, a marathon to be completed, and a tsunami overwhelming health services. Some of these metaphors have proved controversial, however. For example, War metaphors (e.g. 'the battle against Covid-19') have been criticised for potentially normalising large numbers of deaths. And the metaphor of multiple 'waves' of the pandemic has been described as inaccurate, because, in the words of a representative of the World Health Organization: 'We are in the first wave. There is going to be one big wave'. In this talk, I bring together corpus methods, qualitative discourse analysis and experimental research to discuss how different metaphors have been used to communicate about different aspects of the pandemic, and what the implications might be.



## Lancaster Symposium on Innovation in Corpus Linguistics 2022

22 June 2022, 12.30pm – 4.30pm UK time

Organised by the ESRC Centre For Corpus Approaches to Social Science ([CASS](#)), Lancaster University, UK. The symposium will take place online via MS Teams. This symposium is **free to attend**. Note: Lancaster Summer Schools in Corpus Linguistics 2022 participants do not need to register separately. They will be registered automatically.

Registration is required via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/rycyq2q3y3>

### Programme [UK time]

- 12.30 – 12.45 Introduction to the Symposium ([Vaclav Brezina](#))
- 12.45 – 13.15 Corpora and healthcare communication ([Elena Semino](#))
- 13.15 – 13.45 Facing the music: On Method and Mess in CADS ([Gerlinde Mautner](#))
- 13.45 – 14.15 Social Media and Sociolinguistics ([Jack Grieve](#))
- 14.15 – 14.30 Break
- 14.30 – 15.00 Corpus design ([Jesse Egbert](#))
- 15.00 – 15.30 More than meets the eye, or why we should consider the process in language learning ([Gaëtanelle Gilquin](#))
- 15.30 – 16.00 Data, data, data: The focus of corpus analyses ([Vaclav Brezina](#))
- 16.00 – 16.30 General Discussion

The symposium offers a variety of perspectives on and applications of corpus linguistics. The focus of the symposium is on innovation in the field and the vision for the future. Each of the presenters was given the following four guiding questions to prepare their lecture.

1. Why is the corpus approach interesting for you personally?
2. Can you provide examples from your research that illustrate the value of using corpora?
3. Why does innovation matter in your research context?
4. What is your vision for corpora in your field in the future?

Participants will be able to post questions to the presenters during the symposium. Frequently asked questions will be addressed in the General discussion.

## Timetable of free events during Lancaster Summer Schools in Corpus Linguistics 2022

|               | Monday<br>20 June                                                                                                                 | Tuesday<br>21 June                                                                                                  | Wednesday<br>22 June                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Thursday<br>23 June                                                                                                 |
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| 12.30         |                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                     | <b>Lancaster Symposium on Innovation in Corpus Linguistics 2022:</b><br>Registration is required via the following link:<br><a href="https://forms.office.com/r/rycyq2q3y3">https://forms.office.com/r/rycyq2q3y3</a> |                                                                                                                     |
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| 16.00 – 16.30 |                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                     |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | <u>Emerging from the pandemic: what statistics lessons can corpus linguists learn?</u><br><b>Lecture</b><br><i>Vaclav Brezina</i> | <u>Shakespeare's Words, Words, Words: Insights via Corpus Methods</u><br><b>Lecture</b><br><i>Jonathan Culpeper</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <u>Corpus linguistics and health communication: Metaphors for Covid-19</u><br><b>Lecture</b><br><i>Elena Semino</i> |