





## **Using learner corpora in Second Language Acquisition research: Learner Corpus Research**

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This workshop is an (advanced) introduction the use of electronic text corpora for the study of learner language with a focus on English as a Foreign Language (EFL). The workshop consists of two parts. The first part gives an introduction to learner corpora and Learner Corpus Research (LCR) by providing an overview of different types of learner corpora. Amongst others, I will talk about the Corpus of Academic Learner English (CALE; <https://blogs.uni-bremen.de/cale>), a specialised corpus of L2 academic writing currently compiled at the University of Bremen. I will also critically discuss and evaluate some widely-discussed issues in learner corpus analysis and the limitations, problems and challenges that LCR is faced with.

The second part of the workshop consists of hands-on activities. Participants will work with various types of corpus data to analyze the occurrence and use of a set of linguistic structures, focusing on issues of corpus comparability.

### **Part 1: Overview**

1. Learner corpora and Learner Corpus Research (LCR)
2. Learner corpora: Types, findings and applications
3. Learner corpus analysis: Overview and some issues
4. LCR: Problems, challenges, and limitations

### **Part 2: Hands-on activity: Comparing the use of reporting verbs across corpora**