



Representations of Gender

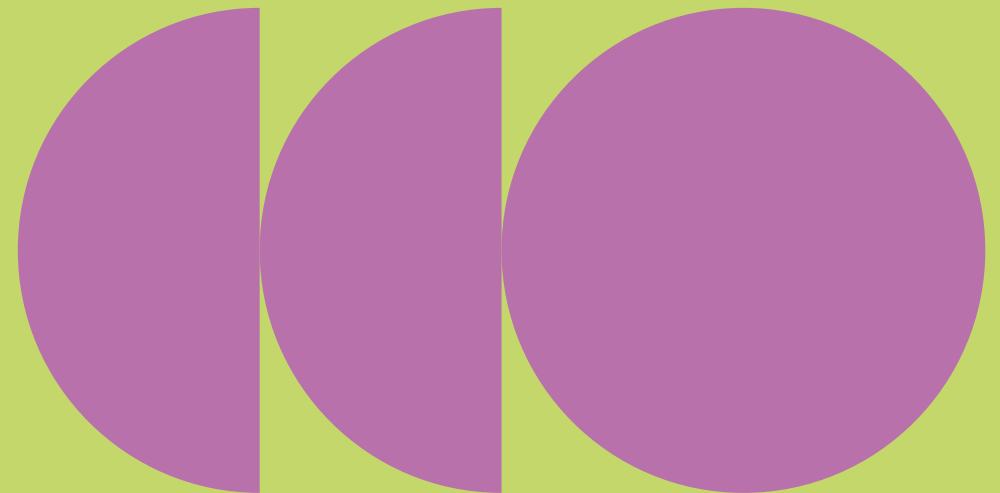
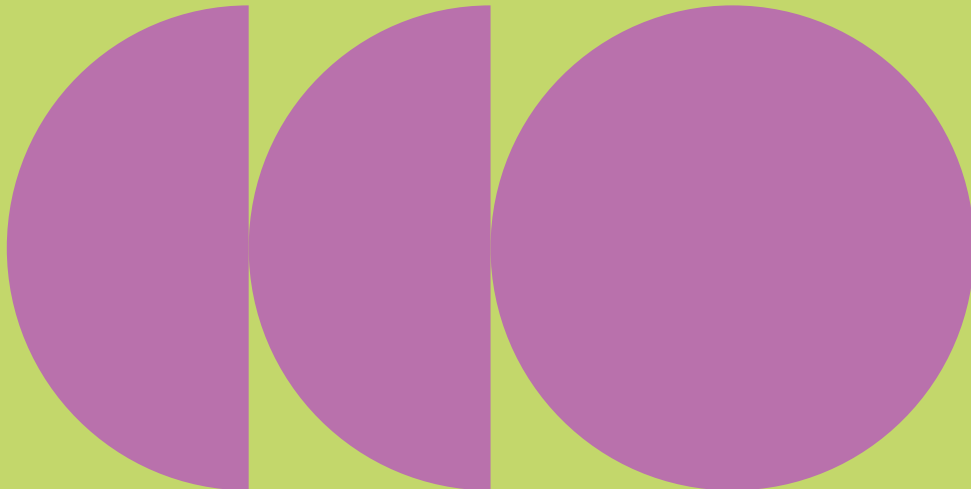


International Workshop

29.10. – 30.10.2026

Gender identities can be represented in a wide variety of ways. In doing so, they are shaped by cultural conventions as well as by variation. How are genders represented through voice, in discourse, and in society? How are genders produced physically and discursively? What significance does language use have?

The workshop *Representations of Gender* will explore and discuss these questions.



Schedule

Place: Lokschuppen Marburg, Rudolf-Bultmann-Str. 4h

Start: 29.10.2026, 14.00 hrs, arrival from 13.30 hrs

End: 30.10.2026, 17.30 hrs

Thursday

14.00-14.15 Welcome, opening remarks „Representations of Gender“

Chair: Carolin Brandt

14.15-15.00 Carolin Müller-Spitzer (Mannheim)
Gender and Language in German: Corpus-Based Empirical Studies on Current Issues in the Discourse on Gender-Inclusive Language

15.00-15.45 Falco Pfalzgraf (London)
Linguistic Purism and the Representation of Gender-Inclusive Language: Discourses of the German Language-Protection Organisations Verein Deutsche Sprache (VDS) and Verein für Sprachpflege (VfS)

15.45-16.15 Coffee break

Chair: Leah Nieber

16.15-17.00 Magnus P. Ängsal (Göteborg)
“Criticizing Gendersprache: Metapragmatic stance-taking towards gender-inclusive language (GIL) in German public debate, with a brief comparison to Swedish discourse”

18.00-19.30 Podium discussion with Prof. Dr. Evelyn Ferstl und Dr. Carolin Müller-Spitzer (publicly and in German)

University Library, Vortragssaal (Chair: Constanze Spieß)

20.00 Dinner

Friday

Chair: Mathias Scharinger

9.30-10.15 Evelyn Ferstl (Freiburg)
How do gendered representations in German emerge? Process models and empirical findings on the generic masculine.

10.15-11.00 Christin Schütze (Berlin)
Incongruent with grammar, but not with expectations: German epicenes („Lehrkraft“) as a test case for gender cue processing

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

Chair: Niklas Grüninger

11.30-12.15 Anil Alexander (Oxford)
Gender and Voice

12.15-13.00 Lars Sörries Vorberger (Hamburg)
Trans Voices in German: A Sociophonetic Case Study of Perception and Production Based on Berlin Metr Announcements

13.00-14.30 Lunch

Chair: Carolin Brandt

14.45-15.30 Victor Rosi (Jena)
Gender Diverse Voices: Expression and Perception

15.30-16.15 Leah Nieber (Marburg)
Rethinking the use of gender as a variable. Insights from experimental phonetics.

16.15-16.45 Coffee break

16.45-17.30 Final discussion

18.00 Dinner

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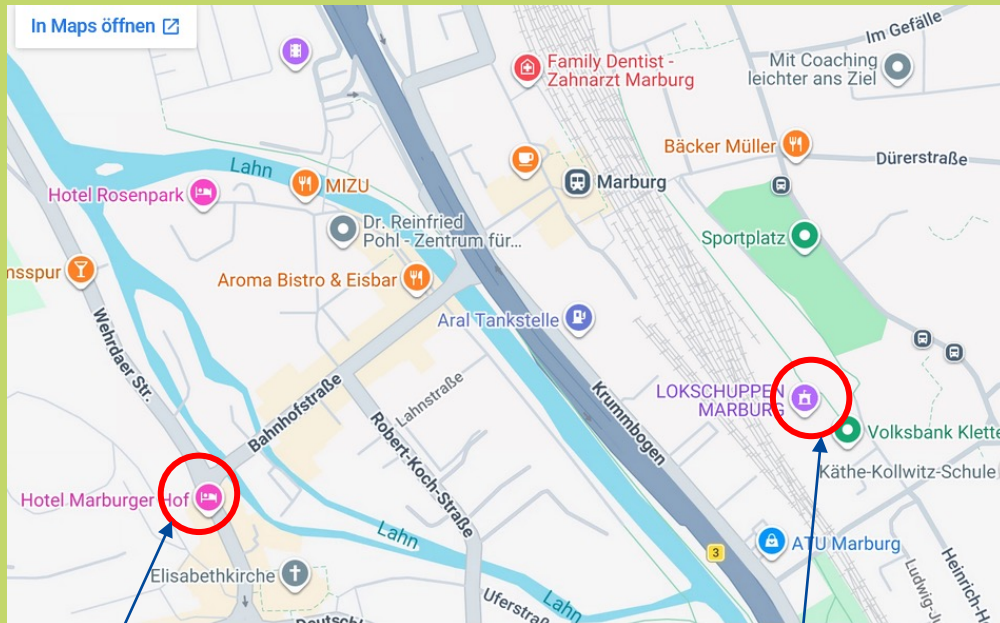
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Venue and Hotel

The conference will take place venue at the *Lokschuppen* Marburg. Venue and hotel are located near the railway station and are within easy walking distance.

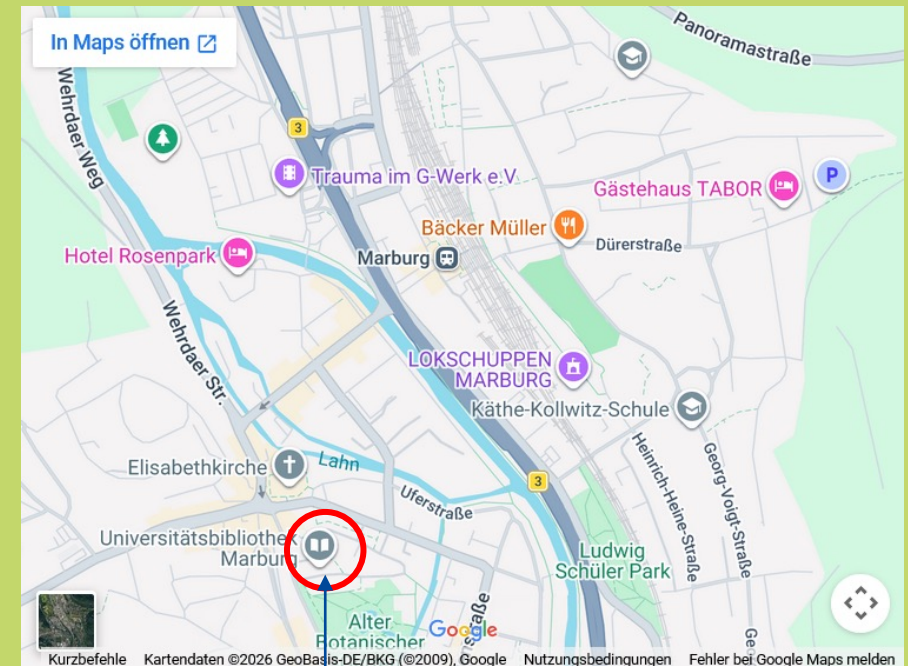


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Public discussion on Thursday evening:

University library



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