

## Summary

This workshop aims to inaugurate the “Emerging Scholars Initiative” (ESI) of the Austrian Association for Legal Linguistics (AALL). It extends a warm invitation to individuals with a strong interest in the interplay between language and law. The workshop offers a unique opportunity to explore the captivating realm of legal linguistics and forensic linguistics. ESI serves to unite like-minded participants and fostering a sense of mutual support and solidarity. Designed to cater to students, graduates, and enthusiasts alike, the initiative provides an interactive platform facilitating the exchange of innovative ideas.

## **Inaugural Workshop of the “Emerging Scholars Initiative” (ESI) of the Austrian Association for Legal Linguistics (AALL)**

*Calling all legal language enthusiasts with a passion for the relationship between language and law!*

If you're intrigued by the captivating world of legal linguistics and forensic linguistics, and you're ready for a journey of exploration and discovery into the very workings of society, then look no further. Imagine a vibrant network of like-minded individuals, all setting sail on their academic voyage. Here, there's a shared dedication to providing each other with support and a strong sense of solidarity. Welcome to the “Emerging Scholars Initiative” (ESI) of the Austrian Association for Legal Linguistics (AALL). No formal membership required. Instead, our initiative serves as a hub that brings together a diverse array of students, graduates, and anyone captivated by the fascinating realm of legal linguistics and forensic linguistics. Imagine an interactive platform that not only helps and guides you through the challenges that academia presents but also acts as a compass, guiding you through connections, exchanging ground-breaking ideas. We extend a warm welcome to students and researchers from all walks of life within the realm of or interested in legal linguistics and forensic linguistics. ESI will provide you with inspiring opportunities: helping you to forge invaluable connections through networking events, enabling you to attend insightful workshops, and engaging in fruitful collaborations. By fostering a culture of collaboration, encouraging meaningful contributions, and propelling progress both within Europe and beyond, we're actively shaping the future of these fascinating fields. In ESI, we build on the spirit of togetherness in research, uniting to create a thriving and challenging academic community that celebrates each achievement along the way. This gathering serves as a platform to engage with those intrigued by the captivating realms of legal linguistics and forensic linguistics. Our aim is to explore with you into what captivates you about these fields. What sparks your interest? What hurdles do you face? And, if the opportunity to study Legal Linguistics or Forensic Linguistics were to present itself at your local university, what aspects would you be particularly keen to explore? We're here to listen, learn, and explore together! So, if you're ready for the captivating world of legal linguistics and forensic linguistics, and you're eager to be a part of an empowering network of emerging scholars, then join us in this founding workshop as part of 74. StuTS.