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*Researching grammar with corpora:  
an introduction to Sketch Engine*

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## Introduction to Sketch Engine

Although the generative tradition meets corpus research with strong skepticism since its very beginning, modern corpus interfaces such as sketch engine offer access to natural language data from a huge variety of languages (more than 500 languages). In conjunction with speakers' judgements, the possibility to search these data in a principal, systematic fashion using grammatical categories (e.g., word categories, phi features etc.) makes sketch engine a powerful tool to falsify hypotheses and goes well beyond the limitations of quantitative approaches to language.

But also, beyond grammar, Sketch engine can be applied in a variety of ways: depending on the corpus, this corpus interface may assist researchers from a variety of fields: Literary studies, Language acquisition, L2 learning, didactics, sociolinguistics and many more.

This course mainly aims at familiarizing participants with the very basics of Sketch Engine's query-language CQL (Corpus Query Language), laying the very foundation to undertake research with Sketch Engine. Although the course is mainly intended to assist grammarians in their research, participants from other fields are welcome to participate and may benefit in particular from the foundations taught in the last session of the course introducing the frequency-based tools.

## Requirements

No previous knowledge is required to participate in the course – we will start with the simple basics and work our way up to more complex applications of Sketch Engine.

In order to participate, please make sure you have an account with Sketch Engine. Since Sketch Engine is funded by the European Union, every European University is entitled to free access to Sketch Engine. Access can be gained quickly and easily by contacting Sketch Engine directly.

In case you are not associated with a European University at the moment, you can use the free trial to follow the course.

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