German Network Meeting 2024

## On 17 Sept at the University of Birmingham from 9.30 – 18.00

### The topic

is ‘Authentic Assessment’, by which we mean ‘inclusive assessment’, assessment that reflects students’ interests, tasks that address students as whole persons (e.g. humour, satire, film, song, images and not only writing) and AI-proof assessment. As such, it should not just appeal to Germanists, and you are all cordially invited to participate.

### Venue

University of Birmingham, [Arts Building,](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/documents/university/edgbaston-campus-map.pdf) (R16 on map), 1st Floor, Lecture Rooms 1 and 3

**Zoom Link for the Keynote Speech**:

<https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/88565363760>

### Programme

From 9.30 Registration

9.50 Welcome, Housekeeping

10.00 Keynote:   
 Miriam Neigert – Humanizing Assessment, followed by a coffee break

11.15 - 12.30 Helen Jones – Creative Collaborative Writing Approaches with B1-B2   
 learners

Britta Schrader – The Promise of Authenticity

Sandra Reisenleutner – Small Adaptations to add authenticity to h harmonised assessments

12.30 - 14.00 lunch break and networking

14.00 Ulrike Bavendiek – A Culture-based Portfolio for ab-initio Learners

Jonas Langner – Mediation in Language Learning

Darren Lester – Using CEFR Levels for Meaningful Assessment

15.00 Thorsten Egner, Head of Language Courses, Goethe Institut London and Regina Seiwald: Exam partnerships with the Goethe-Institut: Goethe- *Zertifikat* exams

Edward Boothroyd – Working with NCLE Hub Schools

15.30 Break

15.50 Doris Zimmermann and John Goodyear – The Midland German Network (Co-Directors of the Midland German Network): Report on the audit of the German learning landscape at primary, secondary and tertiary level in the Midlands

Sandra Reisenleutner – The German Language Teaching Network: possible ways forward

16.10 - 16.30 Sara Jones - Europe’s East, the Second World War, and the Holocaust: A transnational Education Project – Introduction to Educational Resources for Secondary Schools as well as a pupil and teacher competition

16.30 - 18.00 Launch of new publications, Reception and Networking

### Organising Team:

Dr Ruth Whittle (Associate Professor, Dept of Modern Languages – German), Dr Regina Seiwald (Deputy Director of Languages for All (LfA) and Subject Lead for LfA German, DAAD Ortslektorin); Dr Edward Boothroyd (Dept of Modern Languages - Schools Liaison Officer and Humanities Teachers’ Network member), Dr Ulrike Bavendiek (Ortslektorin, Liverpool University), Britta Schrader (Ortslektorin, Oxford University), Dr Anna Havinga (Ortslektorin, Bristol University), Dr John Goodyear (Assistant Professor, Dept of Modern Languages and Co-director of the Midland German Network) Ms Nadine Sturm (DAAD Lektorin)

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