

Call for Papers

Individualization in Language Education

5th-6th March 2025

University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany

By systematically addressing *Individualization in Language Education*, this conference aims to highlight both the possibilities of and challenges for individualization strategies in different learner groups and settings. Research that takes into account the heterogeneity of learners' language abilities and experiences in teaching and learning will be centered.

All members of immigration societies experience multilingualism with varying degrees of intensity – whether through migration itself, foreign-language learning at school, in the media, or on trips. Such experiences impact the individual's foundation for further language development, which ought to be supported by language education. The individualization of language education aims to better identify, utilize and promote individual potential. This can further contribute to improving equal opportunities in education.

The focus of the conference will be on specific ways of shaping individualization in language education in formal, informal and non-formal settings, and which serve the different learning styles, interests and prior knowledge of those affected. We also welcome contributions on the professional skills required for individualized teaching and learning – from expertise on teaching methods to learner-inclusive pedagogies. Also welcome are contributions on transfer, i.e. the adaption of tried-and-tested concepts to other learner groups or contexts.

The conference is being organized by an interdisciplinary network representing the research cluster "Language Education in the Immigration Society", which is financed by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

We invite submissions based on empirical studies. Individual contributions as well as poster contributions can be presented. Please submit an abstract of max. 600 words (excluding bibliography) that describes the theoretical background and research question(s) (up to 300 words), methods (up to 200 words) and the results obtained or expected (up to 100 words).

Important dates:

Abstract submission deadline: 31.10.2024

Notification of acceptance/rejection: 04.11.2024

Conference registration open: 08.11.2024

Conference updates and submission procedures will be announced here:

<https://uhh.de/ew-individualization-conference2025>