



## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024

# Next Gen Literacies



*Welcome to the 12th edition of the Next Generation Literacies Newsletter! Here we provide information about recent and upcoming events, network activities, as well as detailed features of network members and projects.*

### ABOUT THE NETWORK

#### NextGenLit – Connecting, Guidance, Support

Our network aims to foster emergent researchers who are following an international academic career on the topic of language diversity. To support our network members, we focus on three key aspects: **connecting** (organising network meetings, summer schools and symposia), **guidance** (offering an international mentoring programme, workshops on soft and technical skills, joint PhD supervision) and **support** (financial support in travel costs, publishing and conference fee, support in applying for third-party funds).

#### MAY WE INTRODUCE ...



## Universität Hamburg's newest Alexander von Humboldt Professor

In summer we received the wonderful news that Distinguished Professor Ingrid Piller has been awarded an Alexander von Humboldt Professorship. With this highly prestigious research prize, Professor Piller will join the Faculty of Education at the University of Hamburg where she will lead and expand the *Literacy in Diversity Settings* (LiDS) Research Centre from January 2025. We wish Professor Piller all the very best with the move (back) to Germany! Although a lateral move within the network, this is a very exciting development that enhances NextGenLit's profile and relations.

You can read the Alexander von Humboldt announcement [here](#) (in German) and the Universität Hamburg announcement [here](#) (in English).

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### Other news from the NextGenLit executive committee ...

Professor Ingrid Gogolin has been elected to the team of Associate Editors of the renowned [American Educational Research Journal](#) (AERJ). The AERJ promotes the empirical, theoretical and methodological understanding of education and learning. As one of two international researchers, Professor Gogolin now enriches the Associate Editor team!

Professor Sílvia Melo-Pfeifer is currently on sabbatical at the University of Ottawa (until 22nd December), collaborating with the research group CCERBAL (Canadian Centre for Studies and Research on Bilingualism and Language Planning). During this stay she is continuing her research into the use of art-based research methods in language and teacher education. Professor Melo-Pfeifer is also busy sharing her [expertise](#), not only at the University of Ottawa, but also through guest lectures at the University of Toronto and the University of Calgary.

Professor Yongyan Zheng will take up a short visitorship in January/February 2025 at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. She has been invited by Dr Danping Wang, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Arts (Asian Studies). During her visitorship, Professor Zheng will deliver a keynote speech at the "Reimagining Language Education in the Age of AI: Vision and Innovation" forum.

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### Connecting – Members' Meeting on 21st January

We invite you to join our next online meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 8am CET. While the programme is still taking shape, you can already look forward to the following:

- Professor Li Jia and students, Yunnan University, will report on field research from the China-Myanmar borderlands
- Assistant Professor Yixi Qiu, Tongji University, will present her annotated bibliography of publications by NextGenLit members
- Open discussion on next steps for NextGenLit: what shape can the network take in the future? What could be your role?

Please register to join the meeting by sending a short mail to: [sarah.mcmonagle@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:sarah.mcmonagle@uni-hamburg.de)

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## Guidance – A look back at 2024

This past year we offered a number of capacity-building [workshops](#) to our members, from the principles and infrastructures of open science to embracing different media formats in research communication.

Network members also engaged in intensive, intergenerational exchange in the second round of NextGenLit’s international [mentoring programme](#) which concluded in 2024.

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## Support – Network Funding for Emergent Researchers

In 2024 we were able to support NextGenLit emergent researchers to network together and to present their research to international audiences. For example, NextGenLit was well represented at AILA 2024 in Kuala Lumpur. With the theme *Linguistic Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Sustainability* our members were right at home and, fortunately for those of us who could not attend AILA, recorded their conference highlights for *Language on the Move*: [AILA Day 1](#), [AILA Day 2](#), [AILA Day 3](#), [AILA Day 4](#).

Having hosted two [workshops on the importance of open science](#), NextGenLit was delighted to financially support the open-access publication of Alexandra Grey’s (Macquarie University) study, “Perceptions of invisible Zhuang minority language in Linguistic Landscapes of the People’s Republic of China and implications for language policy”. Check it out [here](#).

Please view the NextGenLit website to get an overview of our guiding principles and activities: <https://uhh.de/k25ex>

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### Coordination:

The network is coordinated by Universität Hamburg (Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Ingrid Gogolin, Prof. Dr. Sílvia Melo-Pfeifer), Macquarie University Sydney (Prof. Dr. Ingrid Piller) and Fudan University Shanghai (Prof. Dr. Yongyan Zheng).

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