



COURSE DATASHEET

Semester:	2020/21/2
Course:	Dialectal differences - the case of English
Code:	PEDITNY070
Responsible department:	
Department code:	DITNY
Responsible instructor:	Dr. Szilárd Szentgyörgyi

Course objectives:

The course aims at introducing doctoral students to the phonetic and phonological differences between the accents of languages and the attitudes and prejudices associated with them - in our case English is going to be used as the example. After having discussed the basic notions of sociolinguistic variation - idiolect, dialect, (native vs foreign vs class) accent - attention will be paid to the demonstration of major phonetic and phonological differences between the standard varieties and the main regional varieties in the U.K and the U.S., i.e. not only the different actual speech sounds but the differences in rules and rule applications will also be studied.

Course content:

Course topics schedule:

1. Basic notions - idiolect, dialect, accent, standard vs non.standard, dialect chains, mutual intelligibility
2. The national standards: Standard English English and Standard U.S. English
3. Regional standards in Britain: RP English, Welsh English, Scottish English, Irish Englishes
4. Regional standards in the U.S.: New England English, New York City English, Middle Atlantic English, Coastal Southern English, Inland Southern English, Northern Cities English, Midwest English, north Central English, Western English
5. Southern hemisphere Englishes: Australian, New Zealand, and South African Englishes
6. Prejudices and stereotypes connected to varieties of English
7. Presentation and discussion of student projects

Requirements, evaluation and grading:

Students are to write an 8-page research paper (A4, 12 times New Roman, 1,5 spacing, 2,5 cm margins) on a language that they speak as 1st language - they should describe the major phonetic and phonological characteristics of the standard accent of the language and then describe (some of) the major regional and/or social varieties as far as phonetic and phonological differences as well as stereotypes and prejudices against these are concerned..

In case the course is taught in the form of distance education, consultations will be held online via Zoom, the links to which will be sent out by the instructor from Neptun. Online appointments are available via these means after setting up an appointment via email or neptun message. Course materials are all available on Moodle, the URL to which is also sent out via Neptun message.



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Required and recommended readings:

Trudgill, Peter and Jean Hannah: International English: A guide to the varieties of Standard English, 5th ed. (2013)
Routledge, New York
<http://www.pbs.org/speak/>
<http://seas3.elte.hu/phono/notes/141-accent.html>
<http://www.stgeorges.co.uk/blog/english-accent-from-around-the-world-can-you-understand-them-all>
<https://sounds.bl.uk/Accents-and-dialects/BBC-Voices>
<http://ielts-academic.com/2015/10/31/ielts-listening-english-accent/>
<https://www.dialectsarchive.com/>