

# DiLCo Lecture Series 2024 (online)

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## **Figures in discourse. Monitoring the public debate on multilingualism in Luxembourg**

In this talk, I will examine the Luxembourgish public debate on multilingualism and the societal role of Luxembourgish. The focus is on so-called discourse figures, i.e., central images, formulations, and actors of the discourse, and their structure-forming effect in the debate. To this end, I introduce a multi-method approach that combines qualitative, quantitative, and computational approaches. In doing so, the study draws a more comprehensive picture than possible with just one research method. The talk aims to identify central discourse figures in the various datasets and combine them into an overall picture against the background of societal dynamics.



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