

LMU München | Faculty of Languages and Literature

Workshop Variation and Idiosyncrasy in Germanic and Romance

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Welcome

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- LMU Munich = Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
- 1472 Foundation of the *Hohe Schule zu Ingolstadt* by Duke **Ludwig** IX (the Wealthy) of Bavaria-Landshut
- 1800 Under **Maximilian** IV Joseph, Duke of Bavaria (later King Maximilian I Joseph): relocation of the university to Landshut.
- 1826 Relocation to Munich.



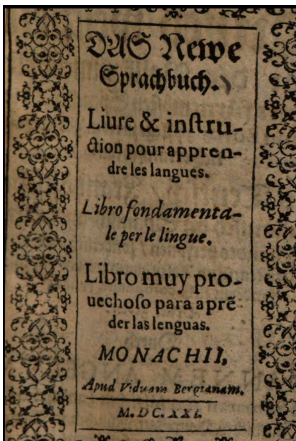
Figure 1: LMU main building, Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1

- President Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Matthias Tschöp
- 52,658 students (as of winter term 2025/2026)
- 840 professors (as of Dec 1st 2024)



Figure 2: 200th Anniversary of LMU in Munich and Inauguration of President Tschöp, Feb 3rd 2026

Foreign language teacher (“Sprachmeister”) since 17th c.:



Ángel de Sumarán, *Newes Sprachbuch* (1621)

Johann Andreas Schmeller (1785–1852)



- German philologist, founder of scientific study of German dialects
- Professor at LMU Munich
- Manuscripts Curator at the Bavarian State Library
- *Die Mundarten Bayerns grammatisch dargestellt* (1821)
- *Bayerisches Wörterbuch* (1836–1852)

Hermann Paul (1846–1821)



- German philologist, historical linguist, (critical) neogrammarian
- 1874 Professor in Freiburg, 1893– Professor at LMU Munich, later president (*Rektor*)
- 1880 *Prinzipien der Sprachgeschichte*
- 1897 *Deutsches Wörterbuch*
- 1916–1920 *Deutsche Grammatik*, 5 vols.

- 1878: Establishment of the *Neusprachliches Seminar* (Seminar of Modern Languages), comprising German Philology, Romance Studies, and English Studies.
- 1892: German Philology became an independent department (*Seminar für Deutsche Philologie*).
- 1912: Establishment of the independent *Romanisches Seminar*.
- Traditionally, Romance Philology focused primarily on French, Occitan, and Italian.
- Since the 1970s, Ibero-Romance languages have gained increasing prominence.
- Today, the Institute of Romance Philology offers B.A. and M.A. programmes with French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, or Romanian as major languages.
- Additional courses are offered in Catalan, Galician, Occitan, and Sardinian.
- A comprehensive approach to the Romance languages (*Vollromanistik*) remains a defining characteristic.

- Broad range of B.A. and M.A. study programmes in linguistics and philology.
- *Class of Language* as joint programme, open to all doctoral students in linguistics at LMU
- currently, 55 doctoral students enrolled in this doctoral programme
- Offers for B.A., M.A. and doctoral students at LMU range from
Comparative and Indo-European Linguistics,
General Linguistics and Language Typology,
German Linguistics, German as a Foreign Language,
English, Romance, Slavic, Finno-Ugric and Albanian Linguistics
to Phonetics and Speech Processing, and Computational Linguistics.

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Munich Center for Linguistics (MCL)



Inauguration of the MCL, April 25th 2024

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O Centro Universitário da Baviera para América Latina (BAYLAT)

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