

# Winter school VariaForMea – 2-4 December 2013

## What

The doctoral school VariaForMea, supported by the CRUS (Rectors' conference of the Swiss Universities), is happy to announce a 3-day Winter School in December 2013.

## Aim

The VariaForMea Winter School aims at bringing together linguistic PhD students from across Switzerland and at consolidating soft and hard skills in linguistic research, with a special focus on form-meaning variation and typology approach.

The school schedule will be organised flexibly, combining 2 main talks from the guest speaker, presentations from PhD students and informal discussions.

## Speaker and Themes

Frederick J. Newmeyer, Professor Emeritus, University of Washington, Adjunct Professor, U of British Columbia and Simon Fraser U

Variation in Form and Meaning:

- Variation at the Macro Level: Reconciling Formal and Functional Accounts
- Variation at the Micro Level: Grammars Do Not Contain Numbers

## When

The module will take place over 3 days on **2-4 December 2013**.

## Where

This Winter School will take place in Macolin.

## Who can apply?

The Winter School is open to all PhD students working on language from the partner institutions: University of Fribourg, University of Geneva, University of Neuchâtel, Università della Svizzera italiana, University of Zurich.

CRUS VariaForMea will support accommodation and transportation expenses.

## Instructions for application

Interested students are invited to apply by sending a [CV](#), and a [cover letter](#) by [October 31th](#) to the contact email address mentioned below. The cover letter should mention the subject of the PhD dissertation, the state of progress of the thesis, and describe the motivation of the applicant to participate to the Winter School.

Selection of participants will be made by the organizers by early November.

## Contact and submission

Requests for information and applications should be sent to [variaformea@unige.ch](mailto:variaformea@unige.ch).

## Further activities

2014 activities will include a block seminar on statistics in July 2014, and the participation to the Dutch LOT summer school. Specific calls for participation for these activities will be released in due time.