

Our research culture

Our research is organized around a number of overlapping and interconnecting thematic areas in which members of staff are working:

Language studies

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- History of the German language
- Language description
- Corpus linguistics
- Language, society and ideology
- *Sprachkritik*

Textual edition, study and interpretation

Work which has been or is being conducted in this area includes:

- Unpublished Letters of Sophie von La Roche **[Dr Elystan Griffiths](/staff/profiles/german/griffiths-elystan.aspx)**
- JMR Lenz's Unpublished Writings **[Dr Elystan Griffiths](/staff/profiles/german/griffiths-elystan.aspx)**
- Lumen anime C and Liecht der sel, **[Dr Nigel Harris](/staff/profiles/german/harris-nigel.aspx)**

Literature and culture in their social and historical contexts

A wide range of work is being done in the following periods:

- Medieval, Reformation and Renaissance Studies, **[Dr Nigel Harris](/staff/profiles/german/harris-nigel.aspx)**
- 'Goethezeit' [late eighteenth and early nineteenth century, including the Enlightenment and the Sturm und Drang] **[Dr Elystan Griffiths](/staff/profiles/german/griffiths-elystan.aspx)**, **[Dr Nicholas Martin](/staff/profiles/german/martin-nicholas.aspx)**
- The late nineteenth century, Dr Elystan Griffiths, **[Dr Nicholas Martin](/staff/profiles/german/martin-nicholas.aspx)**, **[Dr Ruth Whittle](/staff/profiles/german/whittle-ruth.aspx)**
- The twentieth century, **[Dr Bill Dodd](/staff/profiles/german/dodd-william.aspx)**, **[Dr Nicholas Martin](/staff/profiles/german/martin-nicholas.aspx)**, **[Dr Nicholas Martin](/staff/profiles/german/martin-nicholas.aspx)**, **[Dr Joanne Sayner](/staff/profiles/german/martin-nicholas.aspx)**
- Women's writing, representations of women **[Dr Joanne Sayner](/staff/profiles/german/sayner-joanne.aspx)**, **[Dr Ruth Whittle](/staff/profiles/german/whittle-ruth.aspx)**
- The reception of Weimar classicism, **[Dr Nicholas Martin](/staff/profiles/german/martin-nicholas.aspx)**
- The reception of Nietzsche **[Dr Nicholas Martin](/staff/profiles/german/martin-nicholas.aspx)**
- The reception of Dostoyevsky in Germany, **[Prof. Bill Dodd](/staff/profiles/german/dodd-william.aspx)**

Funded research projects

The following projects have recently been funded by research bodies:

- The Latin and German parallel texts of the Lumen anime C and Ulrich Putsch's Liecht der sel, **[Dr Nigel Harris](/staff/profiles/german/harris-nigel.aspx)**
- Women's political writing in the nineteenth century, **[Dr Ruth Whittle](/staff/profiles/german/whittle-ruth.aspx)**
- Reframing Antifascism: Memory, Genre and the Life Writings of Greta Kuckhoff **[Dr Joanne Sayner](/staff/profiles/german/sayner-joanne.aspx)**
- Silence, memory and empathy in museums and at historic sites **[Dr Joanne Sayner](/staff/profiles/german/sayner-joanne.aspx)**
- Sophie von La Roche's Journal Pomona für Teutschlands Töchter (1783-84) in the Light of Unpublished Correspondence **[Dr Elystan Griffiths](/staff/profiles/german/griffiths-elystan.aspx)**
- Dolf Sternberger, National Socialism, and 'Sprachkritik', **[Prof. Bill Dodd](/staff/profiles/german/dodd-william.aspx)**