Using Corpora in Teaching EAP

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In this workshop, we will discuss ways in which corpora can be beneficially used in the context of teaching English for academic purposes (EAP). We will start with an overview of relevant direct and indirect pedagogical corpus applications and then explore together how freely available online corpora can be accessed by EAP instructors to create materials for the academic writing or speaking classroom.

In our explorations, we will focus on the Michigan Corpus of Upper-level Student Papers (MICUSP) and the Michigan Corpus of Academic Spoken English (MICASE) but also refer to other related resources and their pedagogical usefulness along the way. Workshop participants will also get access to a portion of MICUSP for offline use with standard concordance software packages such as AntConc (time permitting and depending on participant interest, we will include a short AntConc hands-on tutorial and use the software to highlight patterns in MICUSP).

Please try to bring a laptop.

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