

# Martin Hilpert

## *Online lecture*

We are pleased to announce that Professor Martin Hilpert has accepted the invitation of the Institute of the Czech National Corpus and will be giving an online lecture on April 12, 2022.

The lecture is open to the public.

### **Life is too short for long words: Studying English clippings in language use and in the laboratory**

**Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2022, 1 pm**

*Zoom meeting ID: 932 6795 4786*

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This talk addresses the morphological word formation process that is known as clipping. In English, that process yields shortened word forms such as lab (<< laboratory), exam (<< examination), or gator (<< alligator). Existing work characterizes clipping as a highly variable phenomenon, arguing that it is difficult to predict how a given source word will be shortened. Recently however, the view that clipping is unsystematic or unpredictable has been empirically challenged. This talk continues that line of research and presents new empirical insights. Specifically, the talk will report on new results that have been obtained on the basis of a newly-compiled large database of English clippings, and through experimental, psycholinguistic methods.

Martin Hilpert is a Professor of English Linguistics at the Université de Neuchâtel. His research interests include language variation and change, cognitive linguistics, construction grammar and corpus linguistics. He is the author of several seminal works on diachronic construction grammar of English, such as *Constructional Change in English* (2013) or *Ten Lectures on Diachronic Construction Grammar* (2021), and of the textbook *Construction Grammar and its Application to English* (2014).

