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Centralizing collections of learner texts at the Centre for English Language Teaching. A brief project description

As a project assistant at the Centre for English Language Teaching (Department of English), I am currently working on designing a database of written and (transcribed) spoken texts produced by learners of English as a foreign language. The main objective of the project is to centralize data collections from various studies carried out at the department, and thus create a database of learner texts at various levels of proficiency.

In the database, background information about the learners as well as the texts will be saved and linked to the texts. Thus it will be possible to extract specific learner corpora. The database will serve as a resource for research and demonstration purposes for both lecturers and students of the department.

Associated projects include collections of CLIL (content and language integrated learning) data and a pilot study for the evaluation of the common final test taken by all students of English at the end of their first year of studying.