

MINUTES OF THE EVALUATION COMMISSION MEETING

appointed to carry out the mid-term evaluation of a PhD student

1. Full name of a PhD student: Sophie Eyssette

2. Date of commencement of education: the academic year 2021/2022

- 2a. The planned date for submitting the doctoral dissertation: 31 October 2024

3. ORCID: 0000-0002-4355-3612

4. Scientific discipline: Linguistics

5. The planned title of the doctoral dissertation:
“Taboo Language and Incest in the French and British press (2017-2022)”

6. Name and last name of a PhD supervisor(s), degree or scientific title, affiliation:
Prof. Margherita Dore, Università La Sapienza di Roma
Prof. dr hab. Andrzej Łyda, University of Silesia in Katowice

7. Name and last name of the auxiliary supervisor (if designated), degree or scientific title, affiliation:
Dr Gavin Brookes, Lancaster University

8. Members of the mid-term Evaluation Committee:
 - 1) chair of the Committee (name and last name, degree or scientific title, position):
Dr hab. Ewa Bogdanowska-Jakubowska, Prof. UŚ, University of Silesia in Katowice
 - 2) member of the Committee (name and last name, degree or scientific title, position):
Prof. dr hab. Marek Kuźniak, Uniwersytet Wrocławski
 - 3) member of the Committee (name and last name, degree or scientific title, position):



Dr hab. Iwona Witzak-Plisiecka, Prof. UŁ, Uniwersytet Łódzki

4) member of the Committee (name and last name, degree or scientific title, position):

Prof. Maria Giovanna Fusco, Università La Sapienza di Roma

9. Date of presentation at the meeting of the Scientific Council of the Institute: 12 December 2023

10. Date of the meeting of the PhD student with the Evaluation Committee and the final meeting of the Evaluation Committee (date of mid-term evaluation of a PhD student): 12 December 2023

11. Questions posed to the PhD student (both at the first and second stage of the mid-term evaluation):

Dr Przemysław Janikowski: What maximum range of co-occurrences of “assault” and “abuse”, the distance for words, did you use? Did you or are you planning to manually test the co-occurrences, even if they do occur, is it in the context of “incest”?

Prof. Iwona Witzak-Plisiecka: I wanted to ask you whether absence has been a problem so far? Has linguistic absence been a problem in your corpus, not only in a quantitative but also in a subject matter analysis?

Prof. Bożena Cetnarowska: It is not a question, but a comment. Because you have mentioned the absence of some vocabulary in your corpus related to incest. The difficulty to find its equivalents. I have read about the 16th-17th-18th-century Lithuania and Russia, there was a term which meant “the right of the father-in-law to maintain sexual relations with his daughter-in-law”, and that was called *snochactwo*. And it also shows that if you have a term to name something, it means that this culture allows it. And in the case of taboo language, certain concepts either are not given a name or are avoided. By the way, would it count as incest?

Prof. Andrzej Łyda, addressing Sohie: You introduce your understanding of taboo language, not as a kind of forbidden language, but language for talking about taboo. Somewhere in your first chapter, you write about the three sort of universal prohibitions: do not murder people, do not eat human flesh, and do not sleep with your daughter. I find it a very interesting and innovative approach. What led you to such a differentiation? Is incest different from rape which we simply call rape? And from murder which we simply call murder? Why don't we call incest incest?

Prof. Maria Giovanna Fusco: My question would be about the difference, if you specify that between incest and child abuse which involves incest, because you might have incest between consenting adults, which would be a completely different category. I guess your corpus focusses on minors.

Prof. Ewa Bogdanowska-Jakubowska: You have written that you intend to start a discussion on incest to promote better child protection. I assume that you plan to follow a critical approach to discourse analysis. Could you elaborate on the methodology employed in the investigation of incest as a social issue?

12. The Evaluation Committee, acting on the basis of Article 19 of the Resolution No. 221 of the Senate of the University of Silesia in Katowice of November 30, 2021 on defining the Regulations of the Doctoral School at the University of Silesia in Katowice, has conducted a mid-term evaluation of **Sophie Eyssette**.





After reviewing the Individual Research Plan, the Report on the execution of the educational program and the execution of the Individual Research Plan, the supervisor's opinion, hearing the presentation at the meeting of the Scientific Council of the Institute, having discussion with the PhD student and ~~discussion with the supervisor~~¹, the Committee issues the following evaluation:

RESULT OF MID-TERM EVALUATION (positive/negative): **POSITIVE**

13. Vote results:

Number of votes for positive evaluation: 3.....
Number of votes for negative evaluation: 0.....
Number of votes abstaining: 0.....

14. Remarks: Prof. Marek Kuźniak could not participate in the meeting; he has sent his opinion via e-mail (it is also enclosed).

15. Detailed justification of the Commission on the result of the mid-term evaluation (justify the result in detail; under the Act of 20 July 2018. Law on Higher Education and Science [Ustawa z dnia 20 lipca 2018 r. Prawo o szkolnictwie wyższym i nauce], the evaluation result with justification is public and will be published):

Sophie Eysette has presented a clear and ambitious research plan, based on her own corpus. The realization of the project may turn out to be important not only for the research on taboo language and incest, both as a linguistic and social issue, but also for corpus linguistics. She has written three chapters of her dissertation. Her Individual Research Plan is being realized according to the schedule.

Her academic activity is impressive. She has written two articles: one has been accepted for publication, the other is being reviewed. She has presented eight papers during conferences. She has participated in workshops aimed at broadening the knowledge and improving skills useful in corpus linguistic research.

The evaluation committee has unanimously voted for the positive evaluation of Sophie Eysette's progress in the preparation of the doctoral dissertation and her research activity, and expressed hope that the doctoral dissertation would be submitted on time.

The evaluation committee stresses her great intellectual potential and commitment to academic research.

16. Signatures of the members of the Evaluation Committee²:

¹ Cross out if the discussion with the supervisor has not taken place.

² Electronic signatures



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