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MORCDA - Making Open Research Data Suitable for Comparative Discourse Analysis

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What problem(s) are you going to solve?

- the full potential of Open Research Data (ORD) for comparative, multilingual discourse analysis remains underutilised. The MORCDA project seeks to bridge gaps between comparative discourse researchers and open research data communities, facilitating the adoption of ORD practices and optimising research infrastructures (RIs) for enhanced comparative analysis across European languages and contexts.
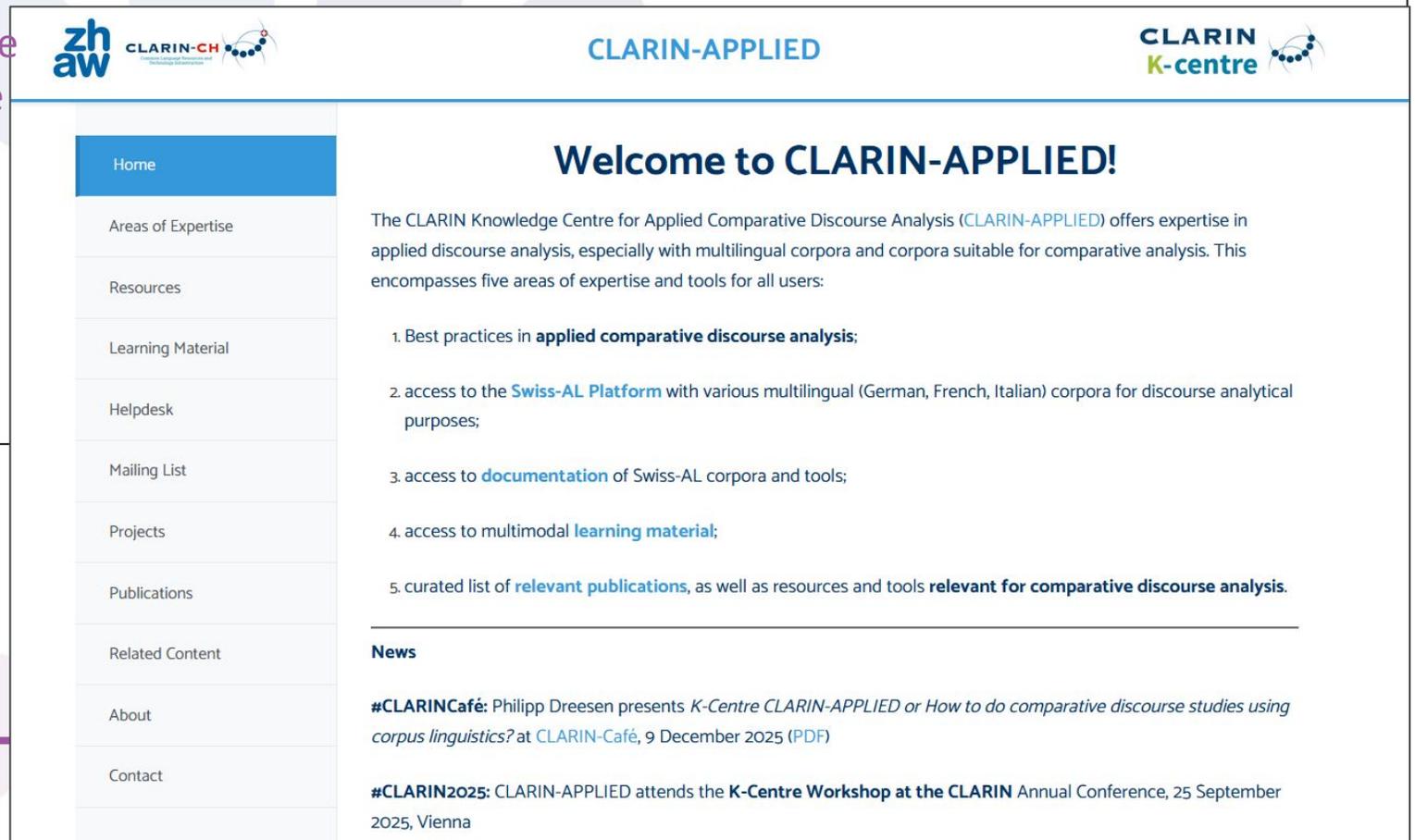
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What have you done to solve the problem?

Community discussion, knowledge transfer & training on, e.g., best practices and standardization:

- Presentation and Panel Discussion; CLARIN ERIC General Assembly February 2025, Leuven (BE)

- Workshop "Opportunities and challenges of corpus linguistics in comparative discourse analysis", Essen (DE); March 2025

- Workshop "Making Open Research Data Suitable for Comparative Discourse Analysis", Ferrara (IT); September 2025

- Presentation "K-centre CLARIN-APPLIED or How to do comparative discourse studies using corpus linguistics?" Talk in CLARIN café; online; December 2025

- "Webinar#1: ORD and Comparative discourse analysis; May 2025

- "Webinar#1: CLARIN Ressourcen and digital tools for corpus linguistics in comparative discourse analysis"; June 2025

- Panel "Corpus-based comparative discourse analysis: Methodological challenges and technical affordances; CL Conference, Birmingham; July 2025

- Webinar: CLARIN-APPLIED to CROATINA webinar on discourse analysis; March 2026

- Keynote "German in multilingual European public spheres. Programmatic goals of comparative discourse language and requirements for open digital research infrastructures", IDS Annual Conference, March 2026

What are the key results achieved to date and how have you made them available to the broader community?

K-Centre CLARIN Knowledge Centre for Applied Comparative Discourse Analysis (short: CLARIN-APPLIED) online since November 2025:
clarin-applied.zhaw.ch

How will make your results sustainable over time - How will the scientific community/-ies further exploit them?

- Service and expertise: K-centre CLARIN-APPLIED is part of the ORD-ecosystem ERIC CLARIN
- Access to corpora for comparative purposes: available via swiss-al.zhaw.ch

Results will be published in

- Dreesen, P., & Rocco, G. (2025). Zur Bewältigung von Komplexität, Kontingenz und Transparenz in der linguistischen Forschung. Rivista internazionale di tecnica della traduzione 27. 10.13137/2421-6763/37814
- Dreesen, Ph. et al. (in prep.): Corpus-based Comparative Discourse Analysis between Needs and State of the Arts. Journal of Corpora and Discourse Studies (Special Issue: Corpus-based comparative discourse analysis).

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