

# LEARNER CORPORA AND THEIR USEFULNESS IN SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

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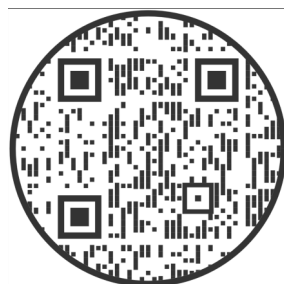
The first part of the lecture explores the topic of learner corpora in second language acquisition. Learner corpora are collections of texts produced by non-native speakers. The first learner corpora appeared at the end of the 1980s. One of the first learner corpora was the International Corpus of Learner English, established at the Catholic University in Louvain, Belgium. The development of language corpora in languages other than English has led to the emergence of learner corpora for languages, such as Czech, German, and Polish which form the core of this presentation. The second part of the talk focuses on the Data-driven learning (DDL) method. This method uses real language data from learner corpora to improve language teaching and learning. By using DDL, teachers can offer students real examples of language use, making learning more effective and engaging. The presentation will include case studies and examples of concrete applications of DDL in the teaching and learning of a foreign language.

Bio: Adrian Zasina Ph.D. holds a MA in Slavic Studies and a Ph.D. in Mathematical Linguistics (a branch of Corpus Linguistics). He is currently the Head of the Institute of Czech and Deaf Studies at Charles University in Prague. His main research interests include data-driven learning, corpus linguistics, parallel corpora, grammar of contemporary Czech and Polish, language variability, and corpus-assisted discourse studies.

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