

## *The Halliday Centre for Intelligent Applications of Language Studies (HCLS)*

### **Seminar Title: Metadiscourse research: the corpus-driven perspective**

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Venue: B7603, 7/F, Lift 3, Blue Zone  
Yeung Kin Man Academic Building  
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#### **ABSTRACT:**

In this talk, Dr. Zhang will introduce corpus-driven approaches to metadiscourse research based on the comparison of corpus-based and corpus-driven approaches. In corpus linguistics, one basic distinction is between corpus-based and corpus-driven approaches. Generally speaking, the corpus-based approach is a deductive method, while the corpus-driven approach is an inductive method. Dr. Zhang believes that a major breakthrough will be achieved in the research area of metadiscourse with the help of corpus-driven approaches.

#### **BIO-SKETCH:**

Dr. Zhang Man is a full professor of linguistics at the English Department, School of Foreign Languages, Central China Normal University. Dr. Zhang's fields of research are corpus linguistics, discourse analysis and functional linguistics. She has dozens of publications in these fields. Currently, Dr. Zhang is doing a National Social Science Fund Project on register variation of metadiscourse using corpus-driven approaches, especially the multidimensional approach.

All are welcome. No registration required