**Einladung zum Vortrag von**

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im

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zum Thema:

**Disciplinary Literacy: Traditions and Recent Developments in the U.S. and Nordic Countries**

Disciplinary literacy is concerned with the unique languaging and communication processes within disciplinary boundaries and subject area domains. As calls for better preparing youth for the demands of learning in the 21st century increase, it is essential that we consider how this approach to teaching and learning impacts adolescents’ literacy and identity. This presentation explores the historical foundations of disciplinary literacy as well as current theoretical and curricular applications in the United States and Nordic contexts. The presenters highlight the possibilities and challenges of disciplinary literacy while giving special emphasis to fostering critical literacy through disciplinary practices.

**Alle interessierten Studierenden und Promovierenden, Kolleg/innen und Lehrer/innen der Region sind herzlich eingeladen!**

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FIELDS OF EXPERTISE: adolescent and adult reading literacy, risk factors for low performance, reading engagement as informal literacy learning, text authenticity and disciplinary literacy.

EXPERT DUTIES: Member in European Commission’s High Level Group on Literacy 2011–2012; member in the Reading Expert Group for PISA 2018.

AWARDS: Article of the Year, 2014, Finnish Journal of Education Kasvatus.

RECENT RESEARCH PROJECTS: Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 1999–2005, 2007–2010; Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2011; Teaching Adolescent Struggling Readers (ADORE) 2007–2008; Programme for International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) 2012; Skill acquisition, skill loss, and age. A comparative study of Cognitive Foundation Skills in Nordic countries (SASLA) 2014–2016; Engaging in disciplinary thinking: historical literacy practices in Finnish general upper secondary schools (HisLit) 2016-2020.



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