

Dear colleagues, members and supporters of the '**Academic Misconduct**'  
**AKS-AG**,

We warmly invite you to take part in an online discussion on **6.10.2020 at 10:00 am**. In the session, we will exchange our experiences regarding **academic misconduct** in the field of **online testing of language skills**.

Suddenly, this subject seems to have gained increased importance in light of our current situation. To quote Davidson (2020): "If students cheated when we were watching them, imagine what they are doing at home!"

We propose a **90-minute discussion via Zoom**, which will deal with the following topics:

- our experiences with academic misconduct or instances of suspicious behaviour (what happened, what we observed, how we reacted);
- ideas for possible tasks and other measures which reduce or prevent the risk of academic misconduct;
- legal questions and issues that have recently arisen at our universities or have already been answered (by the legal / administrative departments or other reliable authorities) e.g. necessary adjustments to examination regulations, which security measures are feasible and justifiable when it comes to administering examinations;
- our experiences with different technical solutions: Praise or flop (which programmes, apps and specific settings are recommended and what should rather be avoided).

**If you would like to take part, please fill in the online form linked here to receive the invitation to the Zoom session:**

<https://terminplaner4.dfn.de/RbKJebrsS9sjFmC5> .

If you are unable to attend on 06.10.2020 but are interested in taking part in this discussion or would like to pose questions in advance, please contact [anna.soltyska@rub.de](mailto:anna.soltyska@rub.de) .

With best wishes from Germany,

Sarah Leek (SZ Universität Siegen) und Anna Soltyska (ZFA, Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

#### **Note of the organizer**

At least passive German language skills of participants would be an advantage: we meet in a common zoom room for the welcome and kick-off, then we will probably organize the interactive i.e. discussion part in two language groups (German/English) and finally we will meet again. For the sake of practicality, we will not be able to keep everything bilingual in real time, but we do intend to record the results of the discussion in two languages and make them available to a wider audience in the near future.