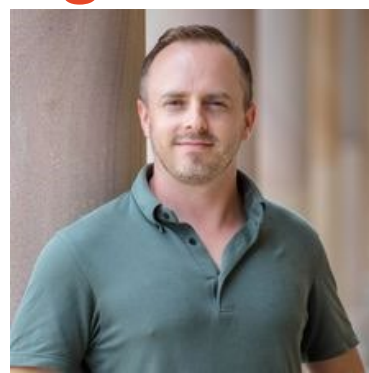


Is DDL dead yet? Not so fast!

Revisiting earlier claims on the state of corpus linguistics, DDL, generative AI, and Language for Specific Purposes.

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This talk revisits earlier claims about the relationship between corpus linguistics, data-driven learning (DDL), and generative AI three years after initial discussions of these issues. Drawing on recent developments in large language model (LLM) architectures, prompting strategies, and corpus-AI integration, the talk reflects on how current research practices still need to evolve beyond traditional concordancing and basic AI-assisted analysis. It highlights emerging opportunities for combining generative AI with corpus resources in EAP and LSP contexts, while also emphasising the need for greater methodological clarity regarding prompting, data integration, and the interpretation of AI-generated language. I conclude by arguing that the future of corpus-informed language research and pedagogy will likely lie in even closer integration between empirical corpus evidence and AI-mediated language technologies.

About the speaker

Peter Crosthwaite is Associate Professor at the School of Languages and Cultures, University of Queensland. He is editor in chief of the *Australian Review of Applied Linguistics*, co-editor in chief of *Language Learning and Technology*, and on the editorial boards of many leading journals including *System*, *Journal of Second Language Writing (JSLW)*, *Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL)*, *Journal of English for Academic Purposes (JEAP)*, and *Research Methods in Applied Linguistics (RMAL)*. He is in the Stanford Top 2% Researchers (Language and Linguistics) in 2023 and 2024.