Portfolio Task 3: Analysis of One Element

You have now finished compiling your corpus as well as documenting your decisions in notes. Additionally, you have practical knowledge about the two analysis tools AntConc and MaxQDA. For the next step, you are to apply the methods and software we talked about in the last weeks to your data in a corpus-assisted discourse analysis approach.

First, choose <u>one</u> element in your material that you want to analyse. It should be big/small enough to be analysed in about 750 words. Possible elements include - but are not restricted to - frequent pronouns/adjectives/nouns, the use of passive verb forms, the distribution of a certain keyword within your corpus, etc. Use both AntConc and MaxQDA in a suitable and complementary manner for different analysis steps.

Please follow the academic structure of first describing what you are looking at exactly, before you start your thorough analysis (with help of both tools). Then, proceed by describing your findings factually with stating/citing[1] specific examples from your data. Subsequently, interpret your results. I know that you may not yet have a comprehensive overview over your data as this is the first analysis element. Therefore, the interpretation might be challenging. Just try to contextualise your results the best you can. Also, please comment on whether the outcome is in line with your understanding of the data or not. If not, explain why that could be and how you can find out.

Again, please add a header to your task. It should again include your name, the name of the course, the title *Portfolio Task 3*, your matriculation number and the date of handing in.

Make sure your analysis

- Uses both AntConc and MaxQDA in a suitable manner,
- Follows the structure which is detailed above (four steps),
- Gives an interpretation that is based on the results of your analysis,
- Uses linguistic jargon,
- Is a continuous, coherent text,
- Is about 750 words (± 5 %)
- Has a header.

Hand in your task until December 23rd, 11:59 pm, via email to regina.holze@uni-passau.de. It will account for 25% of your final grade.

If there are any questions, don't hesitate to ask me via email at regina.holze@uni-passau.de.

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[1] Citation is based on your naming of the corpus parts, e.g., (cf. JB, 1) for "see Jingle Bells, verse one", or (cf. JC, 10 May 2021) for "see Johnson Corpus, Press Statement from 10 May 2021". Choose a suitable citation system and document it in your notes.