

# Annotation of threatening messages

Workshop at the University of Copenhagen

March 19-20, 2018

**Venue:** 136, Njalsgade + 2, Emil Holms Kanal  
2300 Copenhagen S (see map on the last page)

## Participants

Tammy Gales, Hofstra University

Andrea Nini, Manchester University

Sabine Ehrhardt, Bundeskriminalamt

Marie Bojsen-Møller, University of Copenhagen

Tanya Karoli Christensen, University of Copenhagen

Ulrike Lohner, University of Hamburg

Anne Larsen, University of Copenhagen (scientific assistant)

## Advisory Board

Robert Leonard, Hofstra University

Claus Povlsen, University of Copenhagen

## Program

### Monday 19th March (The Tower Room, 27.3.04)

Arrival and coffee: 10:30-11:00

**11:15** **Ice-breaker.** Tell us your favourite non-criminal threat!

**11:30** **Round of introductions.** Without the use of slides, please answer these questions: Who are you? Why are you interested in threatening messages? What would you like to gain from this workshop?

**12:00** **Hands-on analyses.** Individual, inductive hand-coding of a set of English-language threatening messages. Then a joint discussion of our findings.

**13-14:00** **Lunch**

**14:00** **Joint compilation of linguistic features to code for,** based on pre-lunch exercise.

**15:00** **Delimitation of threats.** What counts as a threat, linguistically?

- Discussion in groups of 3 with access to supplementary material

**15:45** **Coffee break**

**16-17:00** **Delimitation of threats.** What counts as a threat, linguistically and contextually?

- Joint discussion, incl. perceived vs. actual threats (parameters for deciding?)

**19:00** **Dinner** at Madklubben Vesterbro, Vesterbrogade 62, 1620 Copenhagen V

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## Tuesday 20th March (Meeting room, 22.3.26)

Arrival and coffee: 9:45-10:00

**10:00**      **Demonstration of the Multidimensional Analysis Tagger** by Andrea Nini

**10:45**      **Hands-on analyses of threatening messages using MAT**

**12-13:00**    **Lunch**

**13:00**      **Stance markers in threatening messages** by Tammy Gales

**13:45**      **Presentation of the BKA's use of linguistic coding** by Sabine Ehrhardt

**14:30**      **Coffee break**

**14:45**      **Legislation on threats** . Comparison of legal codes pertaining to threats in the UK, US, Germany and Denmark.

**15:00**      **Summing up**. What are the most important factors to bear in mind when we analyse threatening messages (linguistic, contextual)?

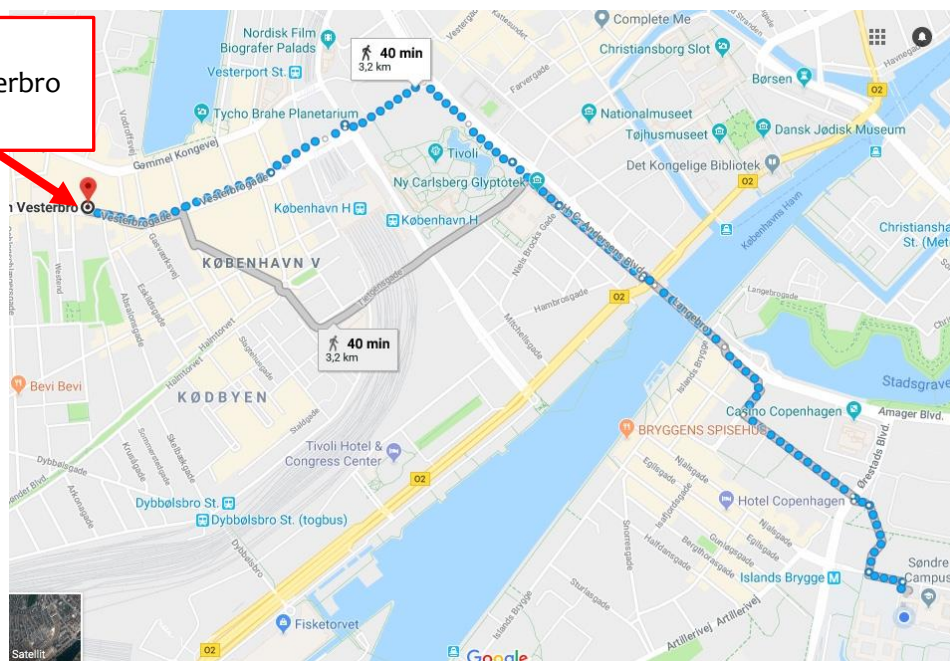
**15:15**      **Farewells**

## Maps

Monday: 136 Njalsgade, building 27, room 27.3.04  
Tuesday: 2 Emil Holms Kanal, building 22, room 22.3.26



Dinner Monday:  
Madklubben Vesterbro  
Vesterbrogade 62



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