

## **Fundamentals of theoretical and applied terminology**

The aim of this course is to provide students with a general overview of both theoretical and applied terminology. The basic elements of theoretical terminology are objects, concepts, concept characteristics, concept systems, definitions and terms, and the relationships among them. Differences between words and terms, term formation processes, term variation and concept variation are studied within the framework of the linguistic, communicative and concept dimensions of theoretical terminology.

Applied terminology is mainly concerned with the collection, description, processing and presentation of terms, i.e. lexical units used in special fields of knowledge in one or more languages. Terminology work, on the other hand, deals with the resources used for finding terminological information including the web, drafting definitions, coining new terms and evaluating term usage, finding equivalents in one or more languages, planning, organising and carrying out terminology projects, producing specialised dictionaries and vocabularies, terminology quality assurance, and terminology management. Terminology standardisation plays an important role in the implementation of terminology planning policies and in the achievement of optimal communication between specialists.

The course is aimed primarily at translators, linguists and other professionals interested in the language of their specialty.