

# ÚFAL Meeting

Ústěk, September 21, 2026

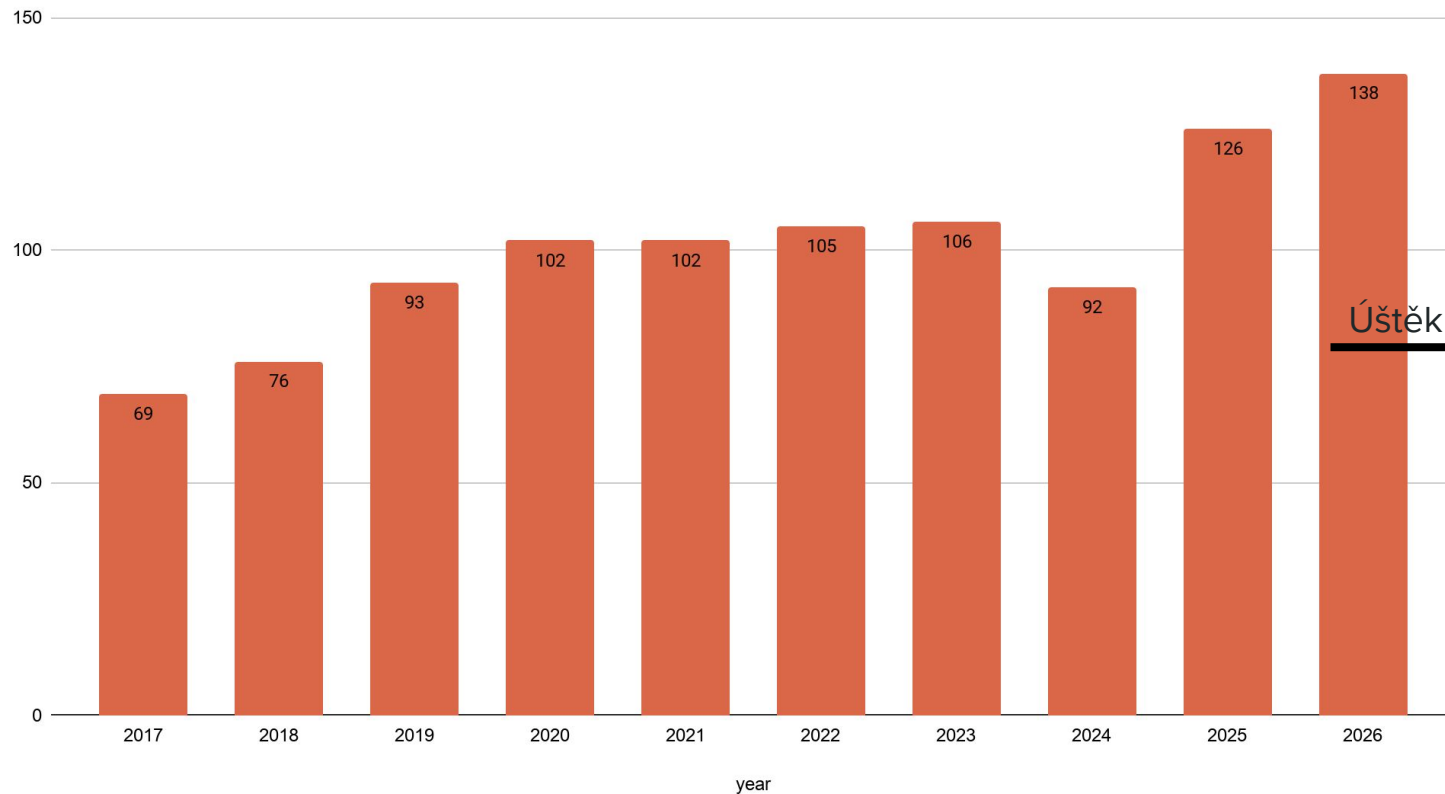
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Barbora Hladká

# Useful info

- Breakfast: 7:00-9:00
- Restaurant: Please let people with food allergies and diet restrictions eat first.
- There will be carafes with water served for every lunch and dinner. You pay yourselves for all other drinks (and services).
- Wellness zone: 249 CZK/1 person/1 hour - book your time at the reception desk.
- Today at 12:20 here: group photo of all of us
- Tomorrow check-out: until 9:00

# ÚFAL: # of Employees as of 30/03/2017-2024 + 01/09/25 + 01/09/26



# Before we get started, let's celebrate!



Congratulations to Marie-Catherine de Marneffe, Christopher D. Manning, Joakim Nivre, and **Daniel Zeman** on receiving the Computational Linguistics High-Impact Paper Award at the 2026 Association for Computational Linguistics Conference for the 2021 paper "Universal Dependencies"



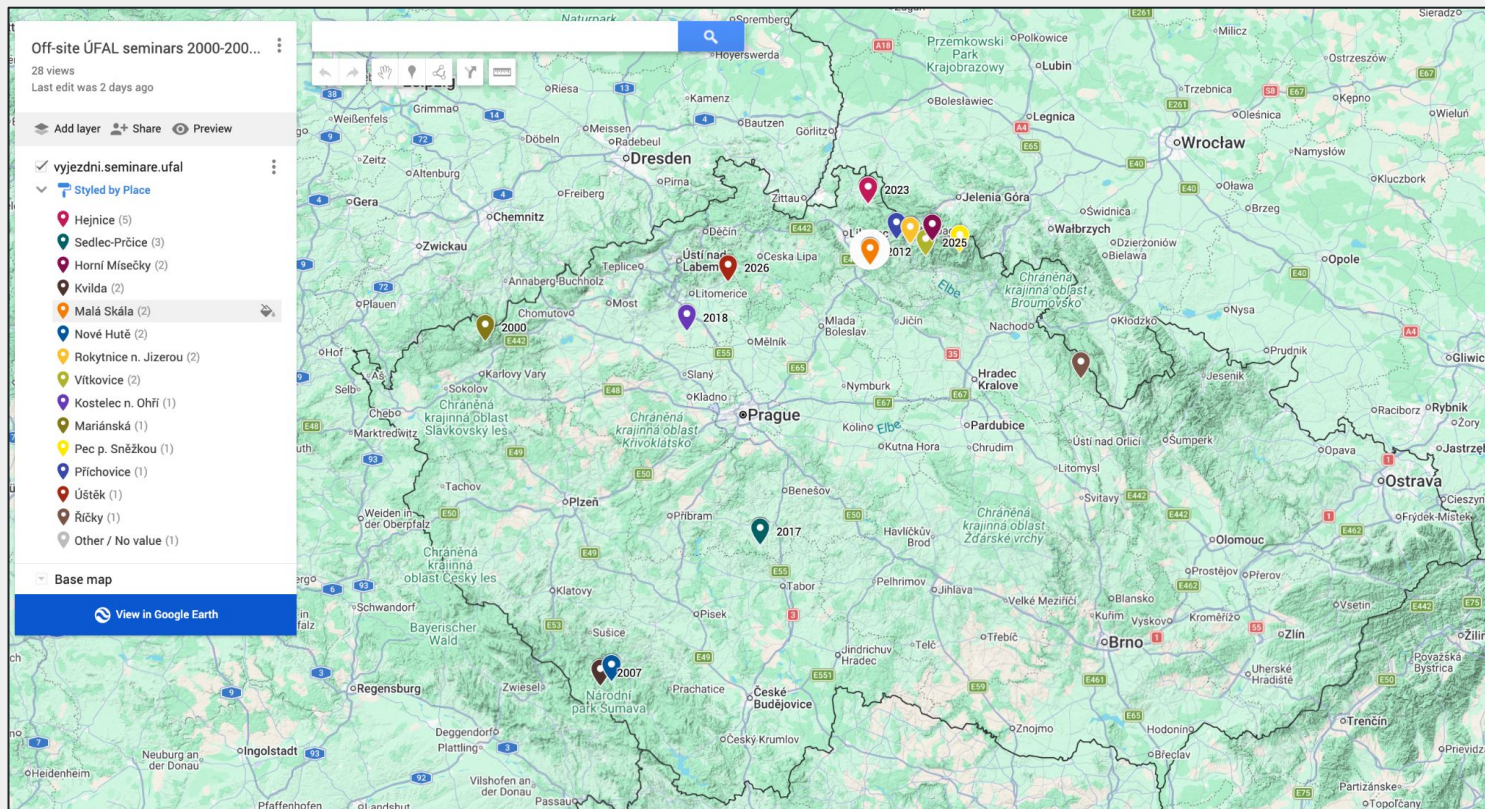
Congratulations to **Hana Hledíková** on receiving the Charles University Grant Agency Chair Award for her project "Morphological complexity of the verbal lexicon in four languages: Quantitative research based on corpus data"



# Mission of ÚFAL off-sites

- Get together in one place, away from our Prague offices
- Share what everyone at ÚFAL should know (during the morning sessions)
- Discuss whatever needs to be discussed (beyond the morning sessions)

# ÚFAL off-sites



[wiki](#)  
[Google Maps](#)

# Úštěk 2026

## Programme

### Sunday

|             |                                                                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| from 16:00  | Arrivals, check in                                                                   |
| 18:30       | Dinner                                                                               |
| 18:00-23:00 | ? Online puzzlehunt (solving ciphers) feat. Tmou <sup>42</sup> (qualification round) |

### Monday

|             |                                                           |
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| 7:00-9:00   | Breakfast                                                 |
| 9:00-10:10  | Barbora Hladká – ÚFAL's head report                       |
|             | Jan Hajič – Publication activities of ÚFAL's members, ... |
| 10:10-10:30 | Dušan Variš, Veronika Fišerová – ESSLI 2026: Wrap-Up      |
| 10:30-11:00 | Coffee break                                              |
| 11:00-11:20 | Pavel Pecina – PhD                                        |
| 11:20-11:35 | Jiří Valach – Knowledge Transfer@ÚFAL                     |
| 11:35-12:20 | Overview of Ongoing Projects – Part I                     |
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| 9:00-9:20   | Peter Polák – JSALT 2026 (overview only, technical details will be shared on Monday with those interested) |
| 9:20-9:30   | Alena Chrástová – PR@ÚFAL                                                                                  |
| 9:30-9:50   | Local LLMs vs. Cloud APIs: Security, Traffic, Costs                                                        |
| 9:50-10:10  | Learning Czech: Surviving the Language 🇨🇪                                                                  |
| 10:10-10:20 | Dan Zeman – SyntaxFest 2027 goes to Prague                                                                 |
| 10:30-11:00 | Coffee break                                                                                               |
| 11:00-11:50 | Overview of Ongoing Projects – Part II                                                                     |
| 11:55-12:10 | Ondřej Dušek, Jindřich Libovický – Comments on ARR                                                         |
| 12:10-12:25 | Michal Olbrich – Internship in Vienna                                                                      |
| 12:30       | Lunch                                                                                                      |

### Round tables, working groups

- Monday, 17:30: Master's program - what's new with the accreditation?

# Information Flow@ÚFAL

A lot of information, many people, multiple generations, flat organizational structure

**Golden communication rule: Responses are expected and on time**

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- Operations + IT      E-mails, [ufal-l@ufal](mailto:ufal-l@ufal), [it-l@ufal](mailto:it-l@ufal), [Slack](#), [Wiki](#), [PAKT](#)  
+ communication between PIs and project admins
  - PR    Slack [#social-media](#)      – contact: [Alena Chrastová](#)
  - Knowledge Transfer      – contact: [Jiří Valach](#)
  - Teaching
    - [vyuka-l@ufal.mff.cuni.cz](mailto:vyuka-l@ufal.mff.cuni.cz), Slack [#teaching](#)
    - [thesis@ufal.mff.cuni.cz](mailto:thesis@ufal.mff.cuni.cz), <https://ufal.mff.cuni.cz/teaching/thesis> – contact: [Milan Straka](#)
    - People interested in pursuing a PhD      – contact: [Pavel Pecina](#), [Jan Hajič, jr.](#)
    - Courses ([url](#)), course schedule & info      – contact: [Jiří Mírovský](#)
    - Master's thesis (3x per year) and PhD thesis (irregularly) defenses (invitations sent to ufal-l)
    - Bachelor thesis defenses (3x per year) = poster sessions

# Information Flow@ÚFAL

- Research
  - Monday seminar + Frederick Jelinek series
    - Mon 2:00 pm, S1, Malá Strana
  - Research meeting & Reading group
    - In 2026/27 on Mondays 10:30 Impakt, Troja
    - Slack [#research-meeting](#)
  - Project meetings
    - Contact [PIs](#)
- Informal communication channels
  - ÚFAL Beer [ufal-pivo@ufal.mff.cuni.cz](mailto:ufal-pivo@ufal.mff.cuni.cz) (1x per month)
  - Family staff děti-l@ufal

PAKT [pakt@ufal.mff.cuni.cz](mailto:pakt@ufal.mff.cuni.cz)

= ÚFAL system for people, projects & administration

Long-term goal: to collect and aggregate data from CUNI systems to efficiently plan, manage and report on the ÚFAL day-to-day operations and project activities

A key system for ÚFAL

- Project admins already know, Pls hopefully do as well
- Others know specific features, such as desk reservations or planned trips
- No consolidated data management system is currently available at either CUNI or MFF level, and as far as we know, there are no current plans

Team: [Stanislava Gráf](#), [Radka Koutová](#)

Big progress since May 2025 – Data cleanup and consolidation, implementation fixes and improvements, gradual improvements to the user experience

# Office Map in PAKT <https://ufal.mff.cuni.cz/pakt> > Rezervace stolů

## Desk bookings

### My bookings

September 2026

You have no upcoming bookings.

| Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa | Su |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |

Partial day
All day

### Booking status as of: 2026-09-15

Hot-desks
Plan
Workplace:
Monitor:
Employee:

Available
Partially booked
Booked all day
Not for booking
My desk

MS, Kaiserštejnský palác, 4. patro

305

1 Gamba
2 Diamant...
3 Hladíková

306

1 Brückner
2 Olbrich
3 Stephen

307

1 Reeves
2
3
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308

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310

1 Štefanko
2 Sourada
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4 Halač
5 Mayer
6 Dvořák

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