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The German adaptation of the boundary questionnaire’s empirically-derived short version and its application in accommodation research

I will introduce the concept of mental boundaries established by Ernest Hartmann (1991) and its connection to language learning. Furthermore, I will present the adaptation process of the boundary questionnaire’s empirically-derived short version (BQ-Sh), which is used to measure the strength of mental boundaries, for German (BQ-Sh-G). As part of the validation of the translated questionnaire, the relationship between mental boundaries and the "Big Five" personality traits is demonstrated. Finally, we applied the BQ-Sh-G in the context of our Wizard-of-Oz experiment in order to explore whether boundary strength is predictive of phonetic accommodation.