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## **Terms determined by "this" : keyness and cohesion in PhD abstracts"**

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Abstract: Using the "lexicogrammar of argumentation" (Freddi 2005) as a key framework, this presentation focuses on the use of the determiner "this" as a cohesive and a persuasive device. It aims at assessing the role of this lexicogrammatical device (Halliday and Hasan 1976; Francis 1994; Gray 2010) in the building of an argumentation which fulfils the specific disciplinary requirements. The hypothesis tested here is that the terms determined by "this" function as pivotal keywords (Bondi and Scott 2010) inside recurrent and possibly interlocking collocational patterns (Williams 1998; 2001) in a discipline. These "key collocational patterns" are studied as to their conceptual and organizing role in a discourse building strategy.