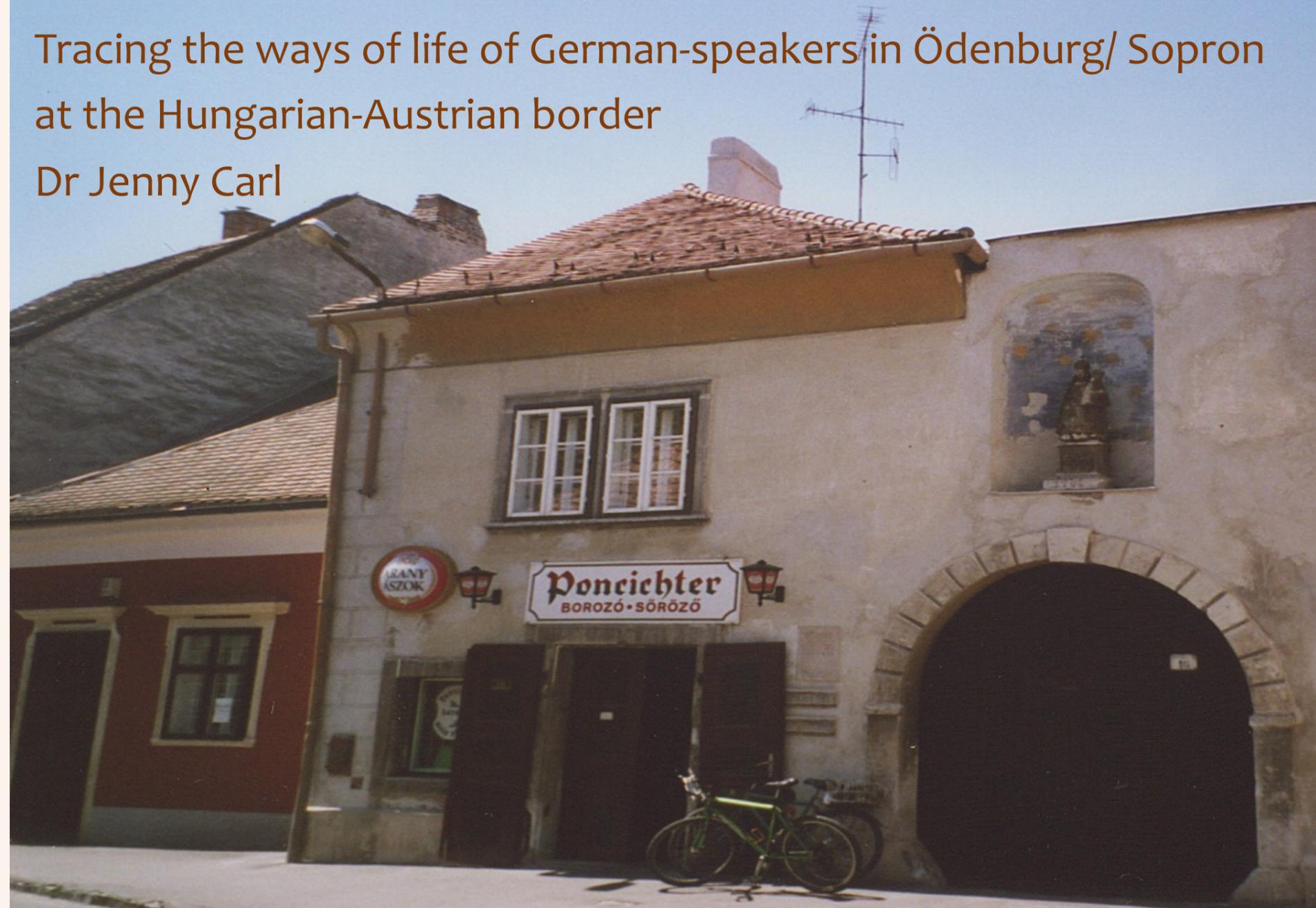


Poncichter walking down memory lane:

Tracing the ways of life of German-speakers in Ödenburg/ Sopron at the Hungarian-Austrian border

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Questions

1) How we can map people's memories on to today's Sopron, where bilingual German-Hungarian street signs have been put up in the formerly German-speaking quarters since the 1990s?

2) Which factors determine who can claim the label 'Poncichter' nowadays, and are there divergent ways of life of those who belong to the group and those who did/do not?

Project Rationale

This project aims to conceptualise how memories of place function in biographical narratives of speakers of a minority language in a central European border community who speak about their past 'ways of life'.

Project Strand 1

Memories of German-speakers from Sopron are strongly linked to geographical references (streets, monuments, landmarks).

Project Strand 2

Only some German-speakers claim an ethnolinguistic label for Sopron German-speakers, Poncichter ('Beangrowers').