

International Workshop

The challenges of linguistic diversity: its social, anthropological, and structural aspects

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Program

Tuesday 24 September

- 9.00 Welcome
- 9.15 keynote talk
Susan Gal (Chicago): Language ideology and social scale in the construction of linguistic diversity
- 10.15 Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald (Cairns): The legacy of youth transgenerational perspectives on linguistic diversity
- 11.00 coffee break
- 11.30 Luca Ciucci (Cairns): The origins of linguistic diversity: morphological and lexical change in Chamacoco
- 12.15 Katarzyna Wojtylak (Regensburg): Studying linguistic diversity in context of limited linguistic descriptions: the case of the "Witoto" language from the Colombian Amazon
- 13.00 lunch break

- 14.30 David Britain (Bern) / Kazuko Matsumoto (Tokyo): Substrate influence versus SLA: the case of /h/-deletion in Palauan English
- 15.15 Pema Wangdi (Cairns): Preservation versus innovation in Brokpa: is innovation contact-induced or is it a natural drift?
- 16.00 coffee break
- 16.30 Alex Walker (Cairns): Linguistic diversity and language shift among the Meslanguages of Madang province (Papua New Guinea)
- 19.00 conference dinner

Wednesday 25 September

- 9.00 keynote talk
Peter Trudgill (Norwich): Linguistic diversity and the uniformitarian hypothesis: a reconciliation
- 10.00 Péter Maitz (Bern) / Siegwalt Lindenfelser (Bern): Creole diversity: insights from Unserdeutsch
- 10.45 coffee break
- 11.15 Nathan White (Cairns): Navigating languages: 'multilateral mixing' in the Hmong diaspora
- 12.00 Guido Seiler (Zürich): Filling the gap in a typology of mixed languages
- 12.45 lunch break
- 14.15 Jürg Fleischer (Marburg) Areality and contact in a multilingual dialect continuum: a sample study on northern Central Europe
- 15.00 discussion, closing remarks