

April 13 - 15, 2015 | Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

Multilingualism in Baltic-Sea Europe

An interdisciplinary conference in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Chair in Northern European and Baltic Languages at the University of Mainz, Germany

Preliminary Programme

Monday, 13 April 2015

8.00 – 9.00	Registration	
9.00 – 9.30	Conference Opening	
Language Policies		
9.30 – 10.30	Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark Legislation and the linguistic rights of traditional and new language minorities in Europe today	
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 – 11.30	Elzbieta Kuzborska The language aspects of nationalism and minority rights in the Baltic States	
11.30 – 12.00	Frederik Bissinger German educational language policy and its implementation at schools in Sweden: a case study in Stockholm	
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch Break	
Regional, Minority and Migrant Languages		
13.30 – 14.30	Karin Hoyer Sign languages as a special type of minority languages	
14.30 – 15.00	Anastassia Zabrodskaja Language ideologies of a multilingual family in contemporary Estonian society	
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee Break	
15.30 – 16.00	Linda Lauze Multilingualism and language ideology on Television in Latvia	
16.00 – 16.30	Maren Gockel Low German in North Rhine-Westphalia: an interview study	
16.30 – 17.00	Florian Hiss Linguistic and cultural diversity at work. Perspectives from Northern Norway	

Tuesday, 14 April 2015

Psychobiological Aspects of Multilingualism	
9.00 – 10.00	Ferran Suay Psycho-biological aspects of multilingualism with a special focus on the challenges in facilitating a change towards a more assertive linguistic behavior among speakers of lesser-used languages
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee Break
10.30 – 11.00	Heiko Marten Perceptions of foreign languages and language learning motivation in the Baltic States
11.00 – 11.30	Gunta Locmele Translated advertising in Latvia as a reflection of the attitude towards the Latvian language
11.30 – 12.00	Yvonne Bindrim Between political correctness and stereotypes – research on language attitudes in Finland and Lithuania
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch Break
Language Endangerment and Revitalization	
13.00 – 14.00	M. Paul Lewis The Baltic-Sea European linguistic diversity and language endangerment in a global perspective
14.00 – 14.30	Claudia Soria Towards a notion of “digital language diversity”: the role of technologies for preserving multilingualism
14.30 – 15.00	Coffee Break
15.00 – 15.30	Sanita Lazdina To gain a voice: economic and non-economic considerations in the process of revitalizing of Latgalian (in Latvia)
15.30 – 16:00	Riho Grünthal Language obsolescence as the experience of individual speakers
16:00 – 16.30	Reetta Toivanen How does multilingual co-existence actually work? Localizing the global, particularizing the universal in the Barents Sea Region
16.30 – 17.00	Annika Pasanen Researcher as an insider and outsider in the minority language community

Wednesday, 15 April 2015

Language contacts		
9.00 – 9.30	Henna Massinen Interplay of phonological features in a contact between two Finnic languages	
9.30 – 10.00	Björn Wiemer, Aksana Erker Diatopic continua across diastatically conditioned variation in the region of Slavic-Baltic contacts	
10.00 – 10:30	Milla Uusitupa Internally or externally motivated? A syntactic case study of Border Karelian dialects	
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break	
Multilingualism in Literature		Multilingualism in Linguistic Landscapes
11.00 – 11.30	Heidi Grönstrand Memories, multilingualism and the role of the reader in autobiographical writing	Taru Nordlund (Socio)linguistic landscape and everyday multilingualism in the past
11.30 – 12.00	Nicole Nau Multilingualism in Latvian life stories	Ieva Markauskaite Linguistic Landscape in the Baltic States: Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch Break	
13.00 – 13.30	Claudia Becker Unveiling literary global competence in W. G. Sebald's "Die Ausgewanderten"	Vitalijus Kodzis & Arune Sulcaite The multilingual linguistic landscape in Klaipeda, Palanga and Kaunas
13.30 – 14.00	Maria Kvist, Maud Rantala Bilingualism in text: language encounter in modern Finland-Swedish fiction	Zarina Rakhmanova Linguistic landscape of a "Russian" neighborhood: a case study of Brighton Beach in New York City
14.00 – 14.30	Julia Tidigs Multilingualism and urban space(s) in contemporary Finland-Swedish fiction	
14.30 – 15.00	Coffee Break	
15.00 – 15.30	Satu Grünthal Multilingualism in present-day children's poetry in Finland	
15.30 – 16.00	Ralf Kauranen Multilingual publishing in the Finnish field of comics	
16.00 – 16.30	Olli Löytty Can Finnish literature be written in Arabic? Hassan Blasim and the politics of place	
16.30 – 17.00	Coffee Break	
17.00 – 17.30	Closing remarks and opening of Literary Linguistics Conference	
17.30 – 18.30	Johanna Laakso Multilingualism in minority literatures, with a special focus on literature of Finno-Ugric people in Europe and in Russia	