

Developing a Boundary-breaking Model for Studying and Revitalizing Endangered Languages

The seminar "Developing a Boundary-breaking Model for Studying and Revitalizing Endangered Languages" is part of the team research project "Disappearing Languages. Interdisciplinary Models of Research and Revitalization." Participants will engage in three activities: criticism of relevant theory regarding language and culture revitalization; review of case studies from around the world, including conversation, either in person or via Skype/Adobe Connect, with their principal actors; collective construction of a practical manual for use in the design and implementation of revitalization projects.

6 sessions, 20, 21, 22 of March 2013 and 10, 11, 12 of April 2013; each session 16-20 hrs, room 9, Dobra 72.

Wednesday 20.03

- 16:00-16:40. Dr. John Sullivan (IDIEZ, Mexico and visiting professor University of Warsaw), *Introduction*
- 16:40-16:50. Dr. Justyna Olko (Faculty of "Artes Liberales," University of Warsaw), *Presentation of the project "Disappearing Languages. Complex Models of Research and Revitalization"*
- 16:50-17:00. Dr. Justyna Olko, *Nahuatl: A Historical Perspective.*
- 17:00-17:30. Dr. John Sullivan *The IDIEZ model for language revitalization in higher education*
- 17:30-18:00. Break
- 18:00-18:30. Dr. Jose Antonio Flores Farfán (CIESAS, Mexico) *Revitalizing indigenous languages in the Americas: the case of the Balsas Nahuatl region*
- 18:30-18:50. Prof. Ewa Łukaszyk (Faculty of "Artes Liberales," University of Warsaw), *Scenarios of universalization. Reflecting on the future of native cultures*
- 18:50-20:00. Discussion

Thursday 21.03

Prof. Katarzyna Dziubalska-Kořaczyk and Dr. Marcin Kilarski (University of Adam Mickiewicz, Poznan)

- 16:00-16:45 *Introduction: Origin and fall of the principle of equal complexity in 20th century linguistics*
- 16:45-17:00 Discussion
- 17:00-17:15 Break
- 17:15-18:00 *Extremes in linguistic complexity: phonetics and phonology*
- 18:00-18:30 Discussion
- 18:30-18:45 Break
- 18:45-19:30 *Extremes in linguistic complexity: syntax and morphology*
- 19:30-20:00 Discussion

Friday 22.03

- 16:00-16:45. Dr. Tomasz Wicherkiewicz (University of Adam Mickiewicz, Poznan) *Why did I foretell the death of Wilamowicean? Facts from the past and the death of a language*
- 16:45-17:10. Bartłomiej Chromik (Faculty of "Artes Liberales," University of Warsaw), *What Herder could have learned in Wilamowice? Theoretical background of language revitalization projects*
- 17:10-17:30. Break
- 17:30-17:50. Dr. Tomasz Wicherkiewicz, *How to save a microlanguage? Micro-case-studies from around Europe*
- 17:50-18:45. Tymoteusz Król (Jagiellonian University), *What brought me to revive my language? Revitalization efforts and perspectives for Wilamowicean*
- 18:45-20:00. Discussion

Wednesday 10.04

- 16:00-16:30. Dr. Agata Kondrat (University of Warsaw), *Is Yiddish a dead language? From a vernacular language to its post-vernacular use*
- 16:30-17:00. Dr. Angelika Adamczyk (University of Warsaw, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Department of Hebrew Studies), *Eliezer Ben Yehuda's Contribution into Revival of Hebrew Language*
- 17:00-17:30. Discussion
- 17:15-17:50 Break
- 17:50-18:20. Dr. Eugeniusz Rzewuski (Department of African Languages and Cultures, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw), *Mwani – a coastal minority language of Mozambique. Past and present tides of its vitality*
- 18:20-18:50 Dr. Michel Lafon (CRNS) *Let us save languages before they are on death throes. The importance of teaching major African languages*
- 18:50-20:00. Discussion

Thursday 11.04

- 16:00-17:00. Prof. Irena Sawicka (Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences) *Linguistic situation at the Balkans with special reference to small languages*
- 17:00-17:30 Dr. Michael Hornsby (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, English Philology), *Successful language revitalizations: the cases of Irish and Welsh*
- 17:30-18:00. Break
- 18:00-18:30. Piotr Szczepankiewicz (University of Adam Mickiewicz, Poznan), *Cornish and Manx - two revived languages*
- 18:30-20:00. Discussion

Friday 12.04

- 16:00-16:45. Dr. Tomasz Wicherkiewicz, *Documenting Poland's linguistic heritage*
- 16:45-20:00. Discussion and Results: Developing possible strategies and models of revitalization.