

Regional Varieties, language shift and linguistic identities

Programme

Wednesday, 12th September

4.00– 5.30pm: Registration

5.30 – 6.00: Welcome by the conference organizers

6 .00 – 7.00: **Yaron Matras** (University of Manchester) The afterlife of a language: The journey of English Romani from community language to a discourse register

7 pm: Reception

Thursday, 13th September

8.30 – 9.30: Registration

9.30 – 10.00: Welcome by the Executive Dean

10.00 – 11.00: **Joan Beal** (University of Sheffield) Inc: the commodification of languages in the ‘new economy’

11.00 – 11.30: COFFEE

11.30 – 13.00 Papers

Eline Zenner, Dirk Speelman & Dirk Geeraerts (FWO Flanders, University of Leuven) Regional variation in the use of English as an identity-marker in two varieties of Dutch.	Carmen Maria Faggion (Universidade de Caxias do Sul) Regional varieties in southern Brazil: first names modified through contact between an Italian dialect and Portuguese.	Natalie Braber (Nottingham Trent University) Diane Davies (University of Leicester) Charting language change and identity in the East Midlands.
Maya Zara (Edge Hill University) The role of the retroflex in identity construction – a purposeful feature?	Márcia Cristina do Carmo (Universidade Estadual Paulista) The variable phonological behaviour of the pretonic mid-vowels in Paulista Portuguese.	Lyndon Higgs (University of Strasbourg) The Black Country dialect: solidarity, respect and disrespect expressed through a dual pronoun system.
Stefania Marzo (KU Leuven) Evy Ceuleers (University College Ghent/Ghent Univerty) The hybrid indexical meaning of multilingual varieties: a perceptual approach.	Virginia Zavala & Roberto Brañez (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú) Language alternation in an affinity space: identity constructions and cultural racism in Perú.	Urszula Clark & Team (Aston University) “Tings a gwan”: Linguistic superdiversity in contemporary minority ethnic artistic performances’

13.00 – 14.00 LUNCH

14.00 – 15.30 Papers

Paul Cooper (University of Sheffield) Historical enregisterment: using the present to inform the past	Michelle Harrison (University of Liverpool) The future of Alsatian in Alsace: can a local language variety survive when a form of the regional language is also an internationally dominant standard language?	Nikos Vergis & Marina Terkourafi (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) Constructing gender by avoidance: rhoticization in a rural community of Crete.
Barbara Loester (University of Winchester) The North-East of Scotland: Doric and the construction of a regional identity.	Mark Waltermire (New Mexico State University) Language use and attitudes as stimuli for phonological change in border Uruguayan Spanish.	Eleni Mariou (University of Edinburgh) Standard vs. non-standard language varieties and the construction of a ‘bilingual’ identity.
Mercedes Durham (University of Aberdeen) Shifting attitudes and dialect shift: Shetland from 1984 to 2010.	Marjoleine Sloos (University of Groningen) Orthographic influence on the German <ä>-<e> vowel split.	Yoshiyuki Asahi (National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics, Tokyo) Effect of the community design in the development of new language varieties: Two cases from the Japanese and British New Towns

15.30 – 15.45 COFFEE

15.45 – 17.15 Papers

Kathryn Campbell-Kibler & Mary Bauer (Ohio State University) The view from the north: Perceptual dialectology in Ohio.	James Hawkey (Sorbonne – Paris III) From the hunter to the hunted? Catalan linguistic normalisation and non normative varieties of Spanish.	Guyanne Wilson (University of Münster) Neither British nor Trinidadian: referee design and stylisation in choral singing in Trinidad.
Jack Grieve (Aston University) Using Web searches for regional dialectology: an analysis of lexical variation in American English.	Xavier Martin-Rubio (University of Lleida) Language identity and national discourses in Catalonia and Euskadi.	Teodor Florin Zanoaga (Sorbonne – Paris IV) Words connected to music in the French variety of the Lesser Antilles
Will Barras & Erik Schleef (University of Manchester) Perceptual evidence for the role of the social type in the evaluation of linguistic locality and supralocality.	Oihana Lujanbio Begiristain (EHU, University of the Basque Country) Language variation in Goizueta Basque.	Rose Stamp, Kearsy Cormier, Bronwen Evans & Adam Schembri (University College London) British Sign Language (BSL) dialects in contact: Investigating the patterns of accommodation and language change

Friday, 14th September

9.00 – 10.00: Registration

10.00 – 11.00: **Barbara Johnstone** (Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh) The History of Yinz: from areal distribution to regional identity

11.00 – 11.30: COFFEE

11.30 – 13.00 Papers

Kathryn Campbell-Kibler & Amber Torelli (Ohio State University) Tracking enregisterment through online social media.	Alex Baratta (University of Manchester) Them's Fightin' Words: The Use of Conversion in Older Communities to Signal Threat	Hugh Escott (University of Sheffield) Dialect writing as multi-modal: Non-standard orthography, legitimation and ideology in the works of Tom Hague and Arthur Eaglestone.
Elin Fredsted (University of Flensburg) Adolescents' use of code-switching and classic dialect on social network sites.	Marie Jensen (Northumbria University) The repercussions of (sociolinguistic) meaning: defining what Tyneside English means to its speakers.	Krassimir Stoyanov (University of Sofia) Linguistic interactions in times of social transition – the interface between dialects and the journalistic vernacular of the Bulgarian press (1944-1952 and 1989-2000).
Karina Lammert (University of Paderborn) Varieties in discourse – forms and functions of the insertion of Low German in daily conversations in South Westphalia.	Thomas Devlin (University of York) Sociophonetic variation and topic in County Durham	Ruth Kircher (University of Birmingham) Montrealers, Quebecers, Canadians, citizens of a globalised world: Who we are and what it means for our languages.

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14.00 – 15.30 Papers

Amanda Rigby (University of Essex) Dialect levelling in the sun: evidence from adolescents in a school in Spain where north meets south	Aditi Ghosh (Calcutta University) Linguistic identity in a multilingual setting: a case study.	Anne Violin-Wigent (Michigan State University) Approaching leveling from different angles: Comparing mid vowels and multiple object pronouns in Briançon French.
Emma Moore (University of Sheffield) “It’s not like anywhere else”: Language and distinctiveness on the Isles of Scilly.	Bhim Lal Gautam (Tribhuvan University Nepal) Contact Nepali in Kathmandu Valley: A Linguistic result of Migration.	Jonathan Kasstan (University of Kent) Emerging <i>néo</i> -speakers: implications for regional varieties and language shift.
Rosa Leandra Badalamenti (University of Palermo) Interactions in a bilingual family	Kenneth Ngure (Kenya University, Nairobi) The diminishing vitality of Rendille: a consequence of intercultural contact between Rendille and Samburu.	Emmanuelle Labeau (Aston University) Time, Tense and Weather: Variation of <i>temps</i> in Francophone weather bulletins.

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15.45 – 17.15 Papers

Nils Langer, Tim Shortis, Julie Blake, Sini Liponen (University of Bristol) Perceptions of Bristolian: an explanation and critique of two studies focused on a south west city based on community-engagement and folk-linguistic method	Brook Hefright (University of Maryland) How “local” became “ethnic” among the Bai of Southwest China.
Rod Hermeston (University of Leeds) Indexing Geordies (and Mackems): the Geordie dialect and the role of football in local pop songs of Newcastle.	Jean Paul Gajndjoung (University of Yaounde) Regional varieties as affirmation of identity: the case of Cameroonian English.

7.00 Conference Dinner

While the delegates are dining: music by *East West Fusion*.

The evening entertainment includes:

John Edgar: Storyteller

Fizzog : A Black Country Theatre Group.

Dave Reeves: Musician, poet and storyteller.

Billy and Lozz: Performers of original Black Country Dialect Folk Songs.

Poster presentations:

María-Isabel González Cruz (University of Las Palmas) Towards lexical loss in Canarian Spanish ?

Kate Burland (University of Sheffield) Where the Black Country meets ‘Black Barnsley’: Dialect variation and identity in an ex-mining community of Barnsley.

Sandra Weber (Université de Liège) Linguistic identity, language attitudes and language perception in the German-speaking Community of Belgium. A comparative survey across the Belgian-German border.

Saturday, 15th September

EXCURSION: Black Country Museum (For details, please visit the conference website

<http://www1.aston.ac.uk/lss/research/centres-institutes/interland/regional-varieties/>)