

LANGUAGE AND IDENTITY SYMPOSIUM

at the University of Tartu

20-22 October 2011

Full Programme for Speakers

Thursday, October 20

10:00-11:30 Tartu City Tour

Meet in the Univ. of Tartu Main Building, in the foyer under the clock

12:30 Opening of seminar

Venue: White Hall of the UT History Museum (Lossi 25, Tartu, on Toome Hill)

Rector Prof. Alar Karis (University of Tartu)

Prof. Juan Luis García Alonso (University of Salamanca), Chair of the Culture, Arts and Humanities Task Force of the Coimbra Group of Universities

Dr. Virve-Anneli Vihman (University of Tartu), Head of the organising committee

13:00-16:20 Session I. Language, Politics, Policy (Chair: Martin Ehala)

13-13:45 Neasa Hegarty (Dublin) "The European Bureau for Lesser-Used Languages: A pioneer in the cause of linguistic diversity in the EU"

13:45-14:30 Tomasz Kamusella (St. Andrews) "Scripts and politics in modern Central Europe"

14:30-14:50 coffee

14:50-15:35 John Walsh (Galway) „Pushing an open door? Language policy at an Irish university“

15:35-16:20 Patrick Sériot (Lausanne) „Language and nation: The pseudo-opposition between the Jacobine and Romantic models“

16:30-17:15 Cultural Performance

The University of Tartu Women's Choir

UT Viljandi Culture Academy Music and Dance students

19:00 Reception hosted by the Mayor of the City of Tartu

Venue: Tartu City Museum (Narva mnt. 23)

Friday, October 21

9:30-15:00 Session II. Belonging and Self-Representation (Chair: Juan Luis García Alonso)

9:30-10:15 John E. Joseph (Edinburgh) „Signs of belonging: Indexing and interpreting identity in language“

10:15-11:00 Emili Boix-Fuster (Barcelona) „Language and identity in modern Catalonia: Integration, hybridization and segregation“

11:00-11:15 coffee

11:15-12:00 Bettina Bock & Rosemarie Lühr (Jena) „Dynamics and interaction of the European component in the German vocabulary“

12:00-13:20 Lunch break

13:20-14:05 Konstanze McLeod (Edinburgh) „Gaelic and Sorbian as multiple boundary markers: Implications of minority language activism in Scotland and Lusatia“

14:05-14:50 Anneli Sarhimaa (Mainz). "What is said is one thing, what it tells about identity is another: On interplay of identities and grammatical choices"

14:50-15:00 Coffee

15:00-18:00 PhD student session (Chair: Liina Lindström)

15:00-15:15 POSTER PRESENTATION: Sebastià Moranta (Frankfurt am Main) „Arguments of (ethno)linguistic particularism: a contrastive outlook concerning Catalan and Romanian areas“

15:15-15:40 Martha Kuhnenn (Greifswald) “We’– Verbal strategies of integrating the recipients’ perspective in political communication”

15:40-16:05 Oksana Zueva (Tartu) “Identity of the United States as expressed/reproduced through the construction of Russia in Barack Obama’s messages”

16:05-16:30 Zanna Razinkova (Tartu) “Discursive definition of national identity and citizenship: a comparative study of Canadian and Estonian constitutions and civil rights documents”

16:30-16:45 Coffee break

16:45-17:10 Henna Jousmäki (Jyväskylä) “Christian metal lyrics as a guide to the renewal of identity”

17:10-17:35 Triin Kibar (Tallinn) “Linguistic autobiographies”

17:35-18:00 Marge Käsper (Tartu) “French configurative discursive identity vs. Estonian space-anchored identity”

Saturday, October 22

9:00-12:00 Session III. Multilingualism (Chair: Virve-Anneli Vihman)

9:00-9:45 Johanna Laakso (Vienna) "Who needs Karelian, Kven or Austrian Hungarian – and why? On revising the study of European minority languages"

9:45-10:30 Alexandra Jaffe (Long Beach) "Plurilingualism as practice and ideology on Corsica: Tourist and school contexts"

10:30-10:50 coffee

10:50-11:35 Martin Ehala (Tartu) "Russian-speakers in the Baltic states: Language use and identity"

11:35-12:20 Anna Verschik (Tallinn) "Estonian impact in Russian-language blogs: Contact-induced language change at work"

12:20-12:50 Lunch will be provided

12:50-14:20 Session IV. Discussion: Language policy and use in European universities

Moderated by Jürgen Barkhoff (Trinity College Dublin)

Panel discussants:

Jaak Aaviksoo, Estonian Minister of Education and Research

Emili Boix-Fuster, Professor of Sociolinguistics (Univ. of Barcelona)

Birute Klaas-Lang, Head of the Estonian Language Council and Professor of Estonian as a Foreign Language (University of Tartu)

John Walsh, Lecturer in the Department of Irish (National University of Ireland, Galway)

14:20 End of Symposium

Excursion to Lake Peipsi and the Russian-speaking Old Believers' villages

Departure: Meet at 15:00; the bus will depart from in front of the Hotel London.

Cost: 30 euros, payable in cash at the bus. Includes guided tour and dinner.

Transportation to Tallinn (Hotel Santa Barbara) via Tartu (anyone wishing to return to Tartu can do so with the same bus).

Estimated arrival in Tallinn, 23:00.