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 Giucci (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 -t/d 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 Mes languages 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