

Multilingualism and structural change: insights from past histories and present realities

Workshop, University of Lausanne, 27 March 2023

This workshop is part of a project funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK) which aims to bring together an international team of researchers with expertise in language contact and change to develop a state-of-the-art understanding of contact-induced language change in multilingual contexts.

The project asks:

- What is the relationship between multilingualism and contact-induced structural change?
- What is the role of language contact in historical processes of language development?
- What is the link between contact-induced change and speaker identity?

The goal is to advance our understanding of cross-linguistic manifestations of language contact and contact-induced syntactic change, from a diachronic and synchronic perspective.

Monday 27th March

Location: [Château de Dorigny, salle 106](#)

Time	Title	Presenter
9:30-9:45	Welcome, introductions, goals for the workshop	Hannah Gibson, Lutz Marten, Robin Meyer
9:45-10:15	Multilingualism, code mixing and identity in North Africa	Aicha Belkadi
10:15-10:45	Messing with your Morphosyntax – evidence from Greek–Coptic and Iranian–Armenian contact	Victoria Fendel & Robin Meyer
10:45-11:15	Corpus vs. Reconstruction: Proto-Germanic as a 'Trümmersprache'	Ludwig Rübekel
11:15-11:45	BREAK	
11:45-12:15	Contact-induced change in Enggano (an Austronesian language of Indonesia)	Charlotte Hemmings
12:15-12:45	Alemannic syntactic features in South Bavarian dialects?	Claudia Bucheli Berger
13:00-14:30	LUNCH	
14:30-15:00	Egyptian and its Auxiliary Verb Constructions: Exploring a typological “chimera”	Marwan Kilani
15:00-15:30	Tracing dialect and language contact in Late Medieval and Early Modern England	Anita Auer
15:30-16:00	BREAK	
16:00-16:30	Inheritance, innovation, and contact: Centre-periphery effects in Bantu	Lutz Marten, Hannah Gibson & Teresa Poeta
16:30-17:00	Migration events and language change: PoS usage of bilingual heritage speakers of Albanian	Paul Widmer
17:30	APÉRO Section SLI (Anthropole, third floor)	