



THE DUBROVNIK LANGUAGE IN SOCIETY SEMINAR

Language at Work: Distinction, Discrimination, and Diversity

Inter-University Centre, 22 - 26 June, 2026

Please note: Presentations are 30 min long and followed by 30 min discussions

Day 1: Monday, 22 June - Work, Political Economy and Governance

- 10.00 *Welcome to the Inter-University Center (IUC), Dubrovnik*
Cecelia Cutler, Unn Røynealand, Karl Swinehart & Zvezdana Vrzić: *Visions and goals for the Language in Society seminar*
- 10.15 Cécile B. Vigouroux, Simon Fraser University, Canada – *Language, Work and Political Economy in the Global South*
- 11.15 Short break
- 11:30 Kathryn E. Graber, Indiana University, USA – *Forging Trust in “Dusty” Negotiations: Languages of Brokerage in the Mongolian Cashmere Trade*
- 12:30 **Lunch/Welcome reception** (Sponsored by the IUC, in the IUC courtyard)
- 14:30 Aurora Donzelli, University of Bologna, Italy – *Capitalist valorization and agrolinguistic practices of nonscalability in neorural Italy*
- 15.30 Short break
- 15:45 Uranela Demaj, AAB College, Kosovo & Zvezdana Vrzić, New York University, USA – *Enregistering neutrality. Professional authority and the language of post-conflict governance (International institutions’ reports on Kosovo and Bosnia-Herzegovina)*
- 16:45 End of Day 1

Day 2: Tuesday, 23 June - Education, Professionalization, and Distinction

10.15 Branka Drljača Margić, University of Rijeka, Croatia – *University-level teaching through English: Achilles heel or trump card?*

11:15 Short Break

11.30 Toril Opsahl & Unn Røyneland, University of Oslo, Norway – *Local language proficiency – does it still matter in a globalized academia?*

12.30 Lunch

14.30 Verónica Pájaro, University of Agder, Norway – *Language of work, language of knowledge, and language of the nation: Fagspråk and language-political struggles in Norwegian higher education*

15.30 Short break

15:45 Luz Jimenez Quispe, University of San Simon, Bolivia – *Linguistic Governance and Indigenous Languages as Commons: Power, Inequality, and Teachers' Practices in Plurinational Bolivia*

16.45 End of day 2

Day 3: Wednesday, 24 June - Migration and Ethnolinguistic Diversity

10.15 Bjørn Ramberg, University of Oslo, Norway, Commentary and General Discussion

11.15 Short break

11.30 Salikoko S. Mufwene, University of Chicago, USA – *Migrations, Population Contact, Ethnolinguistic Diversity, Interpreters cum Culture Brokers*

12.30 Lunch

14.30 Hilario Chi Canul, University of Chetumal, México – *Ideologies and Language Policies of Mayan Immigrant Families in Felipe Carrillo Puerto*

15:30 End of day 3

20:00 Conference dinner (Optional group dinner at a local restaurant)

Day 4: Thursday, 25 June - Workplace, Media, and Creative Expression

10.15 Dorte Lønsmann, University of Copenhagen, Denmark – *Learning and using sign language at work: Practices and ideologies in a multimodal workplace*

11.15 Short break

11.30 Kellie Gonçalves, University of Bern, Switzerland – “*That’s the second best experience of my life*”: *The discursive work of commercial paragliding pilots and their clients*

12.30 Lunch

14:30 Cecelia Cutler, City University New York, USA – *Las Exóticas: trans comedians promoting Maya language and culture on social media*

15.30 Short break

15:45 Karl Swinehart, UCLA, USA – *Jobs in the Blobs Sector: Genre Excess, Print Media, and Joey Harrison's Ludic Louisville*

16:45 End of day 4

18:00 Guided tour of the Dubrovnik Old Town (Sponsored by the IUC, 90 minutes, meet in front of the IUC building, cash tips to the guide appreciated)

Day 5: Friday, 26 June – Clinical Settings and Critical Reflexions on Language at Work

10:15 Xochitl Marsilli-Vargas, Emory University, USA – *The work of listening, language, interpretation and clinical practice*

11.15 Short break

11.30 Bjørn Ramberg, University of Oslo, Norway, Commentary and General Discussion

12.30 End of the seminar

12.45 Farewell Reception in the IUC courtyard (Sponsored by CUNY Graduate Center, Program in Linguistics)