

International Workshop

**The challenges of linguistic diversity: its social,  
anthropological, and structural aspects**



Tuesday, 24 – Wednesday, 25 September 2019  
University of Bern

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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 Ciucci (Cairns): *The origins of linguistic diversity: morphological and lexical change in Chamacoco*
- 12.15 Katarzyna Wojtylak (Cairns): *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): *Creole diversity: insights from Unserdeutsch*
- 10.45 coffee break
- 11.15 Nathan White (Cairns): *Navigating languages: 'multilateral mixing' in the Hmong diaspora*
- 12.00 Andrin Böhler (Freiburg i. Br & Bern): *Linguistic diversity and language change in Romansh-speaking Switzerland: the case of Obersaxen*
- 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