

ECSPM 2020 SYMPOSIUM

**LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL
(SUPER)DIVERSITY AT WORK:
From theory and policy
to action and (digital) practices**

7-9 DECEMBER 2020

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Special invitation of ECSPM to:

**“DIGITAL EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION
BUILDING RESILIENCE IN THE EUROPEAN EDUCATION AREA”**

**Hosted by Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner of DG EAC
Directorate General for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth**

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MIRCo (Center of Multilingualism, Discourse and Communication), Autonomous University of Madrid, ES

MRN (Multilingualism Research Network), University of Cardiff, UK

Programme

Monday, 7 December 2020

- 10:00 – 10:15 Symposium opening, by Boudewijn Haverkort, Dean of the School of Humanities and Digital Sciences, Tilburg University
- 10:15 – 10:30 On the present and the future of the ECSPM by the president, Bessie Dendrinou
- 10:30 – 11:00 Presentation of the Babylon Centre's work on the Online-Offline nexus in super-diversity by Massimiliano (Max) Spotti
- 11:00 – 12:00 Moving beyond the binary of 'multilingualism' and 'the language of schooling' in education by Piet Van Avermaet, followed by discussion coordinated by George Androutsos
- 12:00 – 12:45 Presentation of BEAM (Bilingues Émergents À l'école Maternelle): A whole school approach to developing a plurilingual habitus, by Andrea Young, followed by Q/A coordinated by Jeanine Treffers-Daller

Lunch break

- 15:00 – 16:00 Digital projects presentation / demonstration
- The SPEAKABOO project by Jelske Dijkstra
 - COMBI & the Virtual Language App: An innovative multi-didactic approach (with short demo) by Cor van der Meer
 - [Pre-recorded introduction](#) to "Beyond Bilingualism: Digitally Mediated Linguistic Risk-Taking as an LX user" by Nikolay Slavkov
- 16:00 – 17:00 Rationale for multilingual policies in education and how to advocate them. [Panel discussion](#) based on [pre-recorded position talk](#). Animateur: Piet Van Avermaet. Discussants: Linda Fischer, Terry Lamb, Theo Marinis and Tanja Rinker

Tuesday, 8 December 2020

- 9:30 – 11:00 Migrant and refugee literacies presentations
- Designing curricula for adult refugees and migrants: A multilingual, critical literacy perspective, by Bessie Mitsikopoulou
 - Discussion based on a [pre-recorded presentation](#) of the "MEinART project: How multilingual creative practices shape migrant women's identities" by George Androutsos, coordinated by Luisa Martín Rojo
- 11:00 – 12:00 The rationale and strategies of the EquiLing (Critical linguistic awareness and speaker agency) project presentation by Luisa Martín Rojo, followed by discussion based on Martín Rojo's talk, coordinated by Bessie Dendrinou

Lunch break

- 14:00 – 15:00 Multilingualism and minorities presentations, coordinated by Guðrún Gísladóttir
- The European Charter Classroom Activities Project, crossing borders with your own language, by Sabrina Rasom
 - Minorities and Multilingualism in the Creative Sectors: Challenges and Case Studies by Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones
- 15:00 – 15:45 National languages and diversity
- EFNIL and its activities: National languages and multilingualism in Europe ([pre-recorded presentation](#)) by Johan Van Hoorde

- Discussion based on [pre-recorded presentation](#) on (Super)diversity and national languages, by Johan Van Hoorde, coordinated by Max Spotti.

Wednesday, 9 December 2020

09:30 – 11:00 General Assembly (for ECSPM members and members to be)
CURUM meeting (for CURUM members and members to be)

11:00 - 12:00 FEATURED PANEL

Towards Digital Language Equality in Europe by John Judge, Katrin Marheinecke and Georg Rehm followed by Q/A coordinated by Bessie Dendrinou

Snack break

12:45 – 13:45 Discussion based on Jan Blommaert's [pre-recorded position talk](#) on Old new media: how big issues reoccur whenever new media appear, with Bessie Mitsikopoulou and Nikolay Slavkov, coordinated by Max Spotti.

13:45 – 14:15 Symposium closing

3rd European Education Summit in Brussels 10 December 2020

DIGITAL EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION: BUILDING RESILIENCE IN THE EUROPEAN EDUCATION AREA

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The digital edition of the 3rd European Education Summit will be an occasion to exchange ideas on the European Commission's Communication on the European Education Area and the New Digital Education Action Plan. The Education Summit will bring together Ministers, policymakers, stakeholders, teachers, students, researchers and citizens to provide useful insights and to exchange best practices. More information will follow. In the meantime, Follow the developments on Twitter @EUErasmusPlus and @EUDigitalEdu and on Facebook EUErasmusPlus Programme. Share your thoughts using the hashtag #EduSummitEU.

Interaction through Slido will be available for everyone who attends but for a restricted number of participants. ECSPM will have an opportunity to engage actively via a networking platform (B2Match) which enables one to browse through the participant list and choose who to contact, either via direct message or 1-to-1 videoconference. This platform will remain open even after the conference, until 17/12/20.

Visit the dedicated Education Summit website to find the updated programme, all speakers' biographies, other relevant information as well as the streaming of the event on 10 December.

SPEAKERS AND DISCUSSION COORDINATORS

The present and future of the ECSPM



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On the Babylon and the Online-Offline nexus in superdiversity and The Migrant literacies project



SPOTTI, Massimiliano: *Senior Lecturer at the Department of Culture Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Digital Sciences at Tilburg University and Deputy Director of Babylon - Centre for the Study of Superdiversity. He has worked for many years on asylum-seeking practices and the implications that the online-offline nexus has on such practices. He has published widely on digital literacies and the processes of inclusion and exclusion at play in Dutch as second language classrooms, aimed at the civic integration of newly arrived migrants.*

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Moving beyond the binary of ‘multilingualism’ and ‘the language of schooling’ in education



VAN AVERMAET, Piet: *Professor in the Department of Linguistics at the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy and Head of the Centre for Diversity and Learning, at Ghent University. His expertise and research interests cover topics related to multilingualism in education, social inequality in education, language policy and practice in education and in contexts of (social) inclusion, language assessment, diversity, integration and participation, discrimination in education, migration.* **Email:** Piet.VanAvermaet@UGent.be

BEAM: A whole school approach to developing a plurilingual habitus



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DIGITAL PROJECTS

SPEAKABOO, COMBI & the Virtual Language App: An innovative multi-didactic approach



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Beyond Bilingualism: Digitally Mediated Linguistic Risk-Taking as an LX user



SLAVKOV, Nikolay: *Director of the Canadian Centre for Studies and Research in Bilingualism and Language Planning (CCERBAL) and associate professor at the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute of the University of Ottawa. He has led or participated in Canadian and international projects on language pedagogy and innovation, technology, child language development, family language policy, and bi-/multilingualism (LangProfile; LingRisk). Editor in chief of the bilingual journal Cahiers de l'ILOB. Email: nikolay.slavkov@uottawa.ca*

Panel: Rationale for multilingual policies in education and how to advocate them.

Animateur Piet Van Avermaet (see bionote above)

Panel discussants:



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Tuesday, 8 December 2020

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE LITERACIES PRESENTATIONS

Designing curricula for adult refugees and migrants: A multilingual, critical literacy perspective



MITSIKOPOULOU, Bessie: Assoc. Professor at the Dept of English, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), Director of the Centre for Self-Access Learning and member of the Coordinating Committee of the Centre of Excellence on Multilingualism and Language Policy, NKUA. Her areas of expertise are educational linguistics, online teaching and training, and critical literacy. She has coordinated projects for vulnerable groups in Greece, and presently she is working for the national Digital School project and the Advanced ICT teacher training project. **Email:** mbessie@enl.uoa.gr

MEinART project: How multilingual creative practices shape migrant women's identities



ANDROULAKIS, George: Professor in Sociolinguistics and Language Teaching at the Department of Primary Education, Faculty of Human Sciences, University of Thessaly (Volos, GR), and Director of GLML, the Greek Language and Multilingualism Laboratory. He was involved with the Researching Multilingually project and has recently coordinated numerous national and European research projects related to language education and language acquisition of migrants and refugees. **Email:** androulakis@uth.gr

Rationale and strategies of the EquiLing (Critical linguistic awareness and speaker agency) Project



MARTÍN ROJO, Luisa: *Professor of Linguistics at the Autonomous University of Madrid. In the framework of CDA, she has investigated the social representations of migrants in the media, and the social-political consequences of these representations. She holds the title of national expert by the European Observatory against Racism and Xenophobia (EU). Focusing on the study of the management of cultural and linguistic diversity in schools in Madrid, analyzing how inequality is constructed, naturalized and legitimized through discourse, she has produced the edited collection “Constructing Inequality in Multilingual Classrooms” and more recently “Neoliberalism, language, and governmentality”.* **Email:** luisa.rojo@uam.es

MULTILINGUALISM AND MINORITIES PRESENTATIONS

The European Charter Classroom Activities Project, crossing borders with your own language



RASOM, Sabrina: *Has worked at the Universities of Padova and Trento in language acquisition and syntactic variation. Her work focuses on dialectology and minority languages, corpus and status planning, as well as on didactics of minority languages. She is Vice Chair of the Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity and is responsible for the Unit of Ladin Language Policy of the Comun general de Fascia in the Province of Trento in Italy.*

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Minorities and Multilingualism in the Creative Sectors: Challenges and Case Studies



JONES, Elin Haf Gruffydd: *Professor at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) and Director of the Mercator. Involved with the field of European minority languages, focussing on media, the creative and cultural sectors, translation and language policy and practice, she is on the ExCom of the European Language Equality Network, and a member of the Council of Europe’s expert group on Media for the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages. At the Symposium she represents LAF (Literature Across Frontiers).*

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Supporting EU’s national languages with the ELM, LLE and ELIPS



VAN HOORDE, Johan: *Senior language policy advisor at the Nederlandse Taalunie, the intergovernmental body of the Netherlands and Flanders for Dutch language and literature and president of EFNIL (European Federation of National Institutions for Language), a platform for the collaboration between the language planning, policy and research institutions of the countries of Europe. He coordinates the ELIPS project group, which deals with the use of the EU languages as instruments for legislation, government and public administration.* **Email:** jvanhoorde@taalunie.org

FEATURED PANEL: Towards Digital Language Equality in Europe



JUDGE, John is a computational linguist and a Research Fellow at the School of Computing, working as part of the Centre for Global Intelligent Content. Erasmus student coordinator for the School of Computing, his interests are in various areas of Language Technology, LT resources and related applications and solutions. A member of the European Association for Machine Translation, he is involved in various Language Technology projects.

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OLD NEW MEDIA: HOW BIG ISSUES REOCCUR WHENEVER NEW MEDIA APPEAR



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