

THEMATIC SESSION 2

English as a catalyst of change? Gender inclusivity, cross-linguistic dynamics, and colonial legacies

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Slot 1 10.15-11.45h Chair: Morana Lukač	Talk 1 10.15-10.45h	Joanna Chojnicka	<i>English as a catalyst of change? Queer inclusivity and the global circulation of linguistic models</i>
	Talk 2 10.45-11.15h	Natalia Borza	<i>Why shall I call you 'ze'?</i>
	Talk 3 11.15h-11.45h	Snježana Babić, Ksenija Benčina, Draženka Molnar & Tanja Gradečak	<i>Good assistant or bad manager – agency metaphors and gender bias in framing AI</i>
Break (Central hall): 11.45-12.15h			
Slot 2 12.15-13.45h Chair: Joanna Chojnicka	Talk 4 12.15-12.45h	Peter Siemund & Stefanie Pillai	<i>The Impact of English on Malay: Evidence from Personal Pronouns</i>
	Talk 5 12.45-13.15h	Evan Bradley & Morana Lukač	<i>Between Grammar and Gender: Bilingual Judgements of Inclusive Language</i>
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Lunch (Central hall): 13.45-15h			
Slot 3 15.00-16.30h Chair: Conveners	15.00-16.00h	All	<i>English as a catalyst of change? Adoption, resistance, and local innovation</i>
Break (Central hall): 16.30-17.00h			