

THEMATIC SESSION 3

Comparing the incomparable – Exploring the synchronic relevance of historical sociolinguistic insights

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Stiftungsaal			
Slot 1 10.15-11.45h <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Chair: Bernd Kortmann	Talk 1 10.15-10.45h	Nikola Dobrić & Martin Korenjak	<i>Cosmopolitanisation as a further pathway in the development of a lingua franca</i>
	Talk 2 10.45-11.15h	Andy Kirkpatrick	<i>De-colonialising English? A historical perspective</i>
	Talk 3 11.15h-11.45h	Ludwig Paul	<i>The evolution of Persian and its development as a lingua franca: Some key concepts for a comparative view</i>
Break (Central hall): 11.45-12.15h			
Slot 2 12.15-13.45h <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Chair: Andrew Moody	Talk 4 12.15-12.45h	Robert McColl Millar	<i>Towards a typology of standardisation in European history</i>
	Talk 5 12.45-13.15h	Anna Mauranen	<i>English as a Lingua Franca - Do we still need more corpus data?</i>
	Talk 6 13.15-13.45h	Stephan Prochazka	<i>Managing a historical supra-regional language: 'Stewardship', not 'ownership' of Sanskrit, Latin and Classical Arabic</i>
Lunch (Central hall): 13.45-15.00h			
Slot 3 15-16.30h <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Chair: Andy Kirkpatrick	Talk 7 15.00-15.30h	Andrew Moody	<i>Authority and authenticity within the media Englishes of popular culture</i>
	Talk 8 15.30-16.00h	Bernd Kortmann	<i>Towards a macro-typology of world languages of the present and past: The SPROWL perspective</i>
	16.00-16.30h	Terttu Nevalainen	<i>Roundtable</i>
Break (Central hall): 16.30-17.00h			