

THEMATIC SESSION 4

Social variation and norms in Outer Circle Englishes

Conveners: [Véronique Lacoste](#) (Université Lumière Lyon 2), [Gerald Stell](#) (University of Lausanne)

Friday 03.07.2026

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Slot 1 12.15-13.45h Chair: Véronique Lacoste	Talk 1 12.15-12.45h	Mario Saraceni	<i>Moving round in circles (and finding new things along the way)</i>
	Talk 2 12.45-13.15h	Gerald Stell	<i>Gender and variation in Outer Circle Englishes: Namibian and Nigerian English compared</i>
	Talk 3 13.15-13.45h	Michael Percillier	<i>On the acrolectal origins of Outer Circle Englishes: Assessing real-time evidence from colonial British Malaya</i>
Lunch (Central hall): 13.45-15.00h			
Slot 2 15-16.30h Chair: Gerald Stell	Talk 4 15.00-15.30h	Raphaël Domange	<i>Exploring sociolinguistic gender patterns among South Delhi English speakers</i>
	Talk 5 15.30-16.00h	Jakob Leimgruber & Gerald Stell	<i>Pragmatic markers and indigenization in Outer Circle Englishes</i>
	Talk 6 16.00-16.30h	Véronique Lacoste	<i>Diasporic Englishes in a circle? Patterns of emergence and variation in Toronto Haitian English</i>
Break (Central hall): 16.30-17.00h			

Saturday 04.07.2026

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Slot 3 10.15-11.45h Chair: Gerald Stell	Talk 7 10.15-10.45h	Danielle Tod	Multinormativity and prestige in Tongan English
	Talk 8 10.45-11.15h	Jennifer Thorburn	The place of Indigenous Englishes in the “Three Circles” model
	Talk 9 11.15h-11.45h	Guyanne Wilson	Considering the 1990 attempted coup as Event X in the development of Trinbagonian English
Break (Central hall): 11.45-12.15h			