



Linguapax Asia 2004
First International Symposium on

Language Diversity / Language Ecology

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United Nations University
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University

*"I am always sorry when any language is
lost, because languages are the pedigree of
nations."* (Samuel Johnson)

Background to the Conference

This conference aims at bringing together scholars from European, Asian, and North American countries to exchange views, present research, and develop a vision of how to promote multilingualism, protect minority languages as well as endangered languages, and to advance the fundamental mission of Linguapax -- promoting language and peace. As the first Linguapax symposium in Asia, the conference will provide a much needed forum for researchers and practitioners in the areas of language protection, revitalization of endangered languages, and multilingual education.

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PROGRAM

Morning session

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30 Opening address – Dr. H. van Ginkel, Rector UNU
- 9:45 Keynote speaker – Dr. F. Marti, President, Linguapax Institute
- 10:15 Dr. W. Gater (The University of the Sacred Heart):
"Linguistic Diversity and the Spirit of the Enlightenment"

10:45 – 12:30 CASE STUDIES OF MINORITY LANGUAGES -- THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT:

- 10:45 Dr. K. Brenner (Eotvos Loran Science University, Budapest): "Linguistic Diversity in Hungary: German Linguistic Community; FUEN – Federal Union of European Nationalities"
- 11:15 Coffee break – Documentary film, Dr. A. Stoga (Curator, Royal Palace Lazienki, Warsaw): "Le Langage et Son Iconographie" / "The Iconography of Language"
- 11:30 Dr. H. Maurer-Lausegger (University of Klagenfurt, Austria): "Linguistic Diversity in Austria: Focus on Slovene Linguistic Communities"

12:00 Prof. S. Yamamoto (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies):
"Slovene Dialects in Italy"

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

Afternoon session

13:30 – 17:15 CASE STUDIES OF MINORITY LANGUAGES -- THE PACIFIC RIM CONTEXT:

13:30 Dr. J. Maher (International Christian University, Tokyo):
"The Ainu Linguistic Community of Japan"

14:00 Prof. D. Smith (Notre Dame Seishin University, Okayama):
"A Trilingual Village in Thailand: A Sociolinguistic Study"

14:30 Prof. Y. Okayama (Ibaraki University):
"Language Attrition and Maintenance in Palau: An
Ethnographic View"

15:00 Prof. Y. Akamine (Nagoya City University):
"An Exploration of Philippine Dialects"

15:30 Coffee break – Documentary film

15:45 Dr. M. Andrade (Sophia Junior College):
"Language Minorities and ESL/Bilingual Education in California
Schools"

16:15 Prof. C. Duval (Bunkyo University):
"Native American Language Programs: Implications for Future
Japanese Language Programs"

16:45 Dr. T. Tsunoda (University of Tokyo):
"Language Loss and Language Revitalization in Australia"

17:15 Panel discussion / Roundtable discussion

17:45 Closing address --Dr. F. Marti

18:00 Reception

Conference Fee & Registration

As Linguapax and the United Nations University are non-profit organizations, the symposium is open to the general public without registration/admission fees. There is no pre-registration. Registration is on site at the day of the conference.

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