"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
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17:45  Closing address --Dr. F. Marti
18:00  Reception

Conference Fee & Registration

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