

## Symposium on Language and Diversity

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009

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### Programme

#### Day 1 (5<sup>th</sup> March 09)

- 0845      *Welcome and Opening Address*  
**Lawrence Wong**, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)
- 0900      ***Singapore Voices Sound Installation***: A collaborative project between  
the Division of Linguistics and Multilingual Studies, the School of Art,  
Design and Media and the NTU Art and Heritage Museum  
**PerMagnus Lindborg**, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)
- 0915      Plenary  
Chair: Luke Kang Kwong  
  
*"The mother of all morphemes: augmentatives and diminutives in areal and  
universal perspective "*  
**James Matisoff**, University of California, Berkeley
- 1015      Tea break
- 1045      Keynote  
Chair: Luke Kang Kwong  
  
*"Creativity, criticality and codeswitching: Multilingual practices of British  
Chinese children"*  
**Li Wei**, University of London, Birkbeck College
- 1130      Language Endangerment: Diversity under threat  
Chair: Tan Ying Ying
- *"The current situation of the Aslian (Peninsular Mon-Khmer) languages"*  
**Geoffrey Benjamin**, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)
  - *"Language, culture and identity of Malay speakers in Singapore"*  
**Ng Bee Chin and Catherine Wan** Nanyang Technological University  
(NTU)
  - *"Religion and language shift: the Malay community in Singapore"*  
**Francesco Cavallaro and Stefan Serwe**, Nanyang Technological  
University (NTU)

1300 Lunch

1430 Keynote  
Chair: Francesco Cavallaro

*"Language Recovery, Global English, People Movement"*  
**Joseph Lo Bianco**, University of Melbourne

1515 Keynote  
Chair: Francesco Cavallaro

*"Diversity and language rights: Understanding the implications of unavailability and hybridity"*  
**Lionel Wee**, National University of Singapore (NUS)

1600 Tea break

1630 Globalisation, Culture and Diversity  
Chair: Lionel Wee

- *"Diversity in accent perception: A cross-generational study of ethnic accent perception in Singapore"*  
**Tan Ying Ying**, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)
- *"Discursive management of sociolinguistic diversity: Korean monolingualism as an ideological construct"*  
**Joseph Park**, National University of Singapore (NUS)
- *"Registering servitude: maid agencies in Singapore and the commodification of language in transnational labor migration"*  
**Beatriz Lorente**, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

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**Day 2 (6<sup>th</sup> March 09)**

0900

Keynote

Chair: Ng Bee Chin

*"Identity or conversational structure? Two competing approaches to bilingual talk and an attempt at a synthesis"*

**Peter Auer**, Albert-Ludwigs- Universität Freiburg

0945

Keynote

Chair: Ng Bee Chin

*"Singlish vs. Anglonese: Bilingualism in Singapore and Hong Kong"*

**Luke Kang Kwong**, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

1030

Tea break

1100

Keynote

Chair: Ng Bee Chin

*"The different brain networks involved in reading Chinese and English"*

**Tan Li-Hai**, University of Hong Kong

1145

Language, Cognition and Diversity

Chair: Tan Li Hai

- *"Becoming bilingual early or late: How this affects the way our brain works"*  
**Tomasina Oh**, National University of Singapore (NUS)
- *"What is the correlation between parents and children's language competence in bilinguals?"*  
**Helena Gao**, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)
- *"Social influences on the expression of the silent bared-teeth display in macaques"*  
**Michael Gumert**, Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

1315 Lunch

1445 Keynote  
Chair: Luke Kang Kwong

*“Asian Englishes and High-level Proficiency in Second Language Use”*  
**Kingsley Bolton**, Stockholm University

1530 Keynote  
Chair: Luke Kang Kwong

*“Does foreign language learning enhance multilingualism and linguistic diversity in the era of globalisation?”*  
**Anne Pauwels**, University of Birmingham

1615 Tea break

1645 Managing Diversity in Pedagogy  
Chair: Ng Bee Chin

- *“The place of Cantonese in Hong Kong education from a linguist's point of view”*  
**Robert Bauer**, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

1715 *Closing Address*