

Dialect and Social Change in Urban Diasporic Communities

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This workshop will explore dialect acquisition and variation in urban communities arising out of migration. Themes will include acquisition of local features, retention of 'foreign' features, dialect shift over generations, in- and out-group practices, (non)-emergence of new varieties, and the role of interaction. A particular interest will be in how linguistic responses to contact help us understand underlying social structures, relationships, and transformations. The workshop will run over two days. The afternoon of the second day will be devoted to a discussion by participants and plenary discussants, addressing theoretical models of how new dialect styles are acquired and develop in contact, and of implications recent work on minority communities may have for sociolinguistic theory.

DAY ONE (1 July 2010. Location: Law Building, Room 210)

9:00-9:20 Welcome and introduction

MULTIETHNIC COMMUNITY STUDIES

9:20-10:00 Paul Kerswill and Eivind Torgersen (*Lancaster University*)
'Modelling dialect innovation, transmission and diffusion in high-contact speech communities'

10:00-10:40 Jenny Cheshire and Sue Fox (*Queen Mary, University of London*)
'Linguistic competition and selection in London'

COFFEE

11:00-11:40 Marie Maegaard (*University of Copenhagen*)
"'Foreigners" and "Danes" – linguistic practice and constructions of ethnicity in an urban school'

11:40-12:20 James A. Walker, Michol F. Hoffman (*York University, Toronto*), and Naomi Nagy (*University of Toronto*)
'Ethnolinguistic Variation in Toronto'

LUNCH

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY STUDIES (UK)

1:40-2:20 Rob Drummond (*University of Manchester*)
'Poles in Manchester: social factors affecting the acquisition of local speech features'

2:20-3:00 Lynn Clark (*Lancaster University*) and Erik Schleeff (*University of Manchester*)
'Migrant teenagers' acquisition of social constraints: the case of gender and style'

3:00-3:40 Siria Guzzo (*University of Naples "l'Orientale"*)
"'You want some? "No, nonna" "Ok, here you go". The case of third generation Bedford Italians and identity formation from face-to-face communication to Facebook'

COFFEE

4:00-4:40 Devyani Sharma and Lavanya Sankaran (*Queen Mary, University of London*)
'Dialect repertoire and social change in London Asian English'

6:00-8:00 DINNER PARTY! *Tayyabs Restaurant, 83-89 Fieldgate Street, London E1 1JU*

DAY TWO (2 July 2010. Location: Arts Building, Room G02)

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY STUDIES (NON-UK)

9:00-9:40 Stefania Marzo (*University of Ghent*)
'~~New Italian dialects in extraterritorial context: the role of social and geographical space~~' **CANCELLED**

9:40-10:20 Lauren Hall-Lew (*University of Oxford*)
'Ethnic Practice as Local Practice: Chinese Americans and Sound Change in San Francisco, California'

10:20-11:00 Lars Hinrichs (*University of Texas at Austin*)
'"Retention" of Jamaican phonetic features in Caribbean Canadians in Toronto'

COFFEE

INTERACTION

11:20-12:00 Zsuzsanna Fagyal (*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*)
'Sounds and symbols: phonetic reflexes of adolescent peer-group affiliation'

12:00-12:40 Pia Pichler (*Goldsmiths, University of London*)
'Interactional positionings of (multi)ethnicity in a UK second generation minority group'

12:40-1:00 Ben Rampton (*King's College London*) and Devyani Sharma (*QMUL*)
'Style purification in interaction'

LUNCH

GROUP DISCUSSION

2:30-4:30 Plenary discussants:
Penny Eckert (*Stanford University*)
Scott Kiesling (*University of Pittsburgh*)