

Languages, dialects, speakers (LING 47N)
Freshman Preference Seminar
Autumn Quarter, 3 Units, GER: DB-SocSci

Fall 2006

Time: Tuesday and Thursday, 2:15-3:45pm
 Location: 300-303
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 Requirements: Weekly reading assignments, 2 projects, final project which includes a class presentation and a write-up of the results, active participation in class discussion
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Week	Date	Class	Readings	Projects
1	9/26, 9/28	What is language? What is variation? What is linguistics?		
2	10/3, 10/5	Language, thought, and reality	Tan 2004, Pinker 1994	
3	10/10, 10/12	Language, thought, and reality	Boroditsky et al. 2003, Slobin 1996	
4	10/17, 10/19	Phonetics: Variation in sounds	Ladefoged 1993, Labov 1972a	Project 1 due
5	10/24, 10/26	Guest presentation: V. Fong Sociolinguistics; language change; the birth of a language	Fong, Lim, and Wee 2002, Kerswill 1996, Paunonen 1993	
6	10/31, 11/2	Guest presentation: B. Estigarribia Variation in sound systems: formal models	Gussenhoven and Jacobs 1998, Anttila and Cho 1998	
7	11/7, 11/9	Guest presentation: J. Moser Variation in words and sentences	Labov 1972b, Siegel 1996	
8	11/14, 11/16	Guest presentation: [Penny Eckert] Endangered languages; language death	Krauss 1992 Hale 1992 Ladefoged 1992	Project 2 due
		THANKSGIVING		
9	11/28, 11/30	Project presentations		
10	12/5, 12/7	Project presentations		
	12/14	Final project write-up due by 5:00pm		Final project due

Guest presentations: Vivienne Fong (Department of Linguistics)
 Bruno Estigarribia (Department of Linguistics)
 Joyce Moser (Freshman and Sophomore Programs)
 Penny Eckert (Department of Linguistics), not yet confirmed