



PERSPECTIVES ON THE REVITALIZATION OF MINORITY LANGUAGES

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Wednesday 20 November (in Swedish) - Methods for language revitalization, local initiatives and experiences

9:45-10:00 – **Opening** Martin Sundin, director general, Institute for Language and Folklore and Harriet Kowalski, Head of department National minorities and Swedish sign language, Institute for Language and Folklore.

10:00-11:00 – Leena Huss, Professor emerita, i finska, Uppsala universitet & Sari Pesonen, Revitaliseringsexpert, Institutet för språk och folkminnen – **Revitalisering i praktiken – samlad kunskap för den som vill återta sitt språk**

11:00-17:00 – Presentation of different revitalization projects from Sweden and Europe.

Thursday 21 November (in English)

08.45-09:00 – **Welcome address:** Nils Ekedahl, Deputy Chancellor, Södertörn University and Anders J. Persson, Academic Leader, Södertörn University

9:00-10:00 – **Keynote speakers: Carola Kleemann & Kristin Nicolaysen**, The Arctic University of Norway and Alta museum, Alta **“Kven Language Between Generations”**

10:00-10:30 – Coffee break

10:30-12:00 – **Children and Youth in focus**

(Paper format: 20 minutes + 10 minutes for questions)

- Local pedagogy development for Sámi language Revitalization. Hanna-Máret Outakoski, Umeå University
- Indigenous and national minority languages in Norway and possible implications for youth mental health. Verena Schall, University of Stavanger and Anita Salamonsen, Soile Päivikki Hämäläinen, University of Tromsø
- Invisibility and revitalization of meänkieli: analyzing young tornedalians experiences of being a minority. Constanze Ackermann-Boström, Uppsala universitet, Pär Poromaa Isling, Umeå universitet, and Riitta-Liisa Valijärvi, Uppsala universitet och University College London

12:00-13:30 – Lunch

13.30-14:30 – **Keynote speaker Dieter W. Halwachs**, University of Graz, Plurality, **(Re)Vitalisation, and AI**

14:30-15:00 – Coffee break

15:00-17:00 – **Learning resources**

(Paper format: 20 minutes + 10 minutes for questions)

- The Use and Revitalization of the Karelian Language in Finland. Lotta Jalava (Institute for the languages of Finland) and Outi Tánčzos, University of Helsinki
- Conceptualizing learning resources in the context of the national minority language Finnish. Maarit Jaakkola (University of Gothenburg)
- Romani publishing: patterns, accomplishments and (missed) opportunities in a Nordic context. Sofiya Zahova, University of Iceland
- Literary Translation and the 'Revitalization' of Yiddish. Matthew Johnson, Lund University

18:00 Dinner

Friday 22 November

9:00-10:00 – Keynote speaker: Riitta-Liisa Valijärvi, Uppsala University and University College London “**Linguistic variation and language revitalisation**”

10:00-10:30 – Coffee break

10:30- 12:30 – **Challenges and possibilities in educational contexts**

(Paper format: 20 minutes + 10 minutes for questions)

- Current perspectives and development in teaching Rromani. Diyana Kirilova (Södertörn University)
- A Dynamic Model for Romani Revitalisation. Anna Lovas and Márton A. Baló, HUN-REN Research Centre for Linguistics / Eötvös Loránd University
- Discourses on language revitalisation in curricula for Sami language education in Sweden and Norway. Paulette van der Voet - Ubmejen universitiähta/Umeå University
- Teacher and student perspectives on the revitalisation of Sephardic Spanish. Kent Fredholm. Karlstads University

12:30-13:30 – Lunch

13:30-14:30 – **Discussants:** Leena Huss, professor emerita Finnish and Gerd Carling, professor in Linguistics