

**Nordic Language Variation:
Grammatical, Sociolinguistic and Infrastructural Perspectives**
Institute of Linguistics, University of Iceland, Reykjavík
7–9 October 2010

Program

Thursday, 7 October

- 9:00 -10:00 Invited speaker: Paul Kerswill (Lancaster): “Contact, the feature pool and the speech community: The emergence of Multicultural London English”
- 10:00-10:30 Silje Villanger (Bergen): “Results from a longitudinal study of the spoken language in Øygarden”
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee
- 11:00-11:30 Kristine Bentzen (Tromsø): “What microvariation studies can tell us about children’s errors”
- 11:30-12:00 Karen Th. Hagedorn (Århus): “The acquisition of Danish among 2nd generation immigrant school children in Århus: Plans for a longitudinal study”
- 12:00-12:30 Helge Sandøy (Bergen): “Subconscious attitudes - a driving force”
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-14:00 Miguel Vazquez (Copenhagen): “The structure of an isogloss: A bird’s-eye view over the phonology of definiteness in Scandinavian”
- 14:00-14:30 Åshild Sjøfteland (Oslo): “Presentational constructions and sentence initial 'det er' in Norwegian spoken language”
- 14:30-15:00 David Håkansson (Lund): “Syntactic change in Early Modern Swedish: a sociolinguistic approach”
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee
- 15:30-16:30 Invited speaker: Sali Tagliamonte (Toronto): “Linguistic change in real time: A contemporary study of the English quotative system”
- 18:30 Dinner

Friday, 8 October

- 9:00-10:00 Invited speaker: Alison Henry (Ulster): “Variation and change in Belfast English: transitive expletives and object shift”
- 10:00-10:30 Øystein Alexander Vangsnes (Tromsø), Marit Westergaard (Tromsø) & Terje Lohndal (Maryland): “Wh-extraction and left peripheral syntax across Norwegian dialects”
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee
- 11:00-11:30 Björn Lundquist (Tromsø): “Regional and Non-regional variation in Norwegian and Swedish”
- 11:30-12:00 Jeffrey K. Parrott (Copenhagen): “Case variation across (North) Germanic”

- 12:00-12:30 Nanna Haug Hilton (Groningen): "Articulation rate in Scandinavian languages: Variation in Swedish, Danish and Norwegian radio news"
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-14:00 Caroline Heycock (Edinburgh): "Verb movement in Faroese: Riding the tail of the S-shaped curve"
- 14:00-14:30 Kristján Árnason (Reykjavík): "Variation in Faroese Phonology"
- 14:30-15:00 Coffee
- 15:00-17:00 Presentation of Icelandic variation projects and some results
Höskuldur Þráinsson, Kristján Árnason, Þórhallur Eypórsson, Ásta Svavarsdóttir, Jóhannes Gísli Jónsson, Sigríður Sigurjónsdóttir, Ásgrímur Angantýsson, Theódóra A. Torfadóttir, Einar Freyr Sigurðsson, Hlíf Árnadóttir, Tania Strahan: "The Icelandic variation projects RÍN, IceDiaSyn, FarDiaSyn & RAUN: An overview and some sociolinguistic results"
- 17:30 Light refreshments and discussion, followed by dinner.

Saturday, 9 October

- 9:00-10:00 Invited speaker: Tony Kroch (UPenn): "The historical evolution of V2 and topicalization in English and French"
- 10:00-10:30 Anders Eriksson (Gothenburg): "The Swedia/Swedat database project: A progress and status report"
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee
- 11:00-12:00 Anders Nøklestad (Oslo) & Øystein Vangsnes (Tromsø): "Exploring variation through the Nordic Dialect Corpus and the Nordic Syntactic Judgment Database"
- 12:00-12:30 Heini Justinussen (Tórshavn): "Overview of Faroese corpus resources"
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-15:45 Presentation of Icelandic corpora and data bases
13:30-13:45 Höskuldur Þráinsson, Kristján Árnason & Bjarki M. Karlsson: "RÍN"
13:45-14:00 Guðrún Theódórsdóttir: "Second language Icelandic: A corpus of naturally occurring interaction"
- 14:00-14:15 Kristín Lena Þorvaldsdóttir & Elísa Guðrún Brynjólfssdóttir: "Variation in Icelandic Sign Language"
- 14:15-14:30 Sigrún Helgadóttir: "Balanced Tagged Icelandic Corpus"
- 14:30-14:45 Bjarki M. Karlsson, Eiríkur G. Kristjánsson, Kristján Árnason & Þórhallur Eypórsson: "Greinir skáldskapar (Corpus of Old Icelandic poetry)"
- 14:45-15:15 Coffee
- 15:15-15:45 Joel Wallenberg, Anton Karl Ingason, Einar Freyr Sigurðsson & Eiríkur Rögnvaldsson: "Icelandic Parsed Historical Corpus: Description and some preliminary results"
- 15:45-16:30 Discussion
- 18:30 Dinner