



Polyglot Conference

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POLYGLOT CONFERENCE 2016

FOR EVERYONE WHO LOVES LANGUAGE

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Speakers and Agenda

9:30-10:00 Welcome from conference organizers Richard Simcott and Alex Rawlings plus a short address on bilingualism by Gaston Dorren.

Apart from keynotes, all time slots have three events simultaneously. The main hall is the Aimilios Riadis and upstairs there are two rooms in the Moris Saltiel theatre. All talks will be recorded and posted on YouTube after the conference. Please see polyglotconference.com/agenda for details of these talks.

TRACK 1 IN Aimilios Riadis

Saturday, 29th October

10:10-11:00

What's in a Name? Language Policies and Identity
Matthew Youlden and Michael Youlden

11:10-12:00

Language Utopia! One Polyglot's Product Fantasies
Ellen Jovin

12:10-13:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE

Sleeping Beauties Awake: Language Revival, Cognitive Empowerment and Social Wellbeing
Professor Ghil'ad Zuckermann

Lunch Break

15:00-15:50

KEYNOTE

Equal Rights to the Curriculum: Promoting Home Languages in the Classroom – From Theory to Practice
Eithne Gallagher

16:00-16:50

Translation as a Tool to Learn Any Language
Luca Lampariello

17:00-17:50

How To Learn Languages Most Efficiently? Marketing and Commonsense vs Brain Requirements
Dr. Helen Abadzi

Sunday 30th October

10:00-10:50

Why Is My Accent So Bad?

Anthony Lauder

11:00-11:50

Sephardic Humour and the Ladino Language

Karen Gerson Sarhon

12:00-12:50

KEYNOTE

What Languages Don't Want You To Know

Gaston Dorren

Lunch Break – Group Photo Outside!

15:00-15:50

KEYNOTE

Language Learning as Mental Exercise and Discipline

Professor Alexander Arguelles

16:00-16:50

Cultural Aspects of EU Multilingual Legislation

Rodolfo Maslias

17:00-17:50

Grappling With Greek: The Michel Thomas Method

Hara Garoufalia Middle and Howard Middle

18:00-18:15 Concluding remarks from organizers. Announcement of location for Polyglot Conference 2017.

TRACK 2 IN MORIS SALTIEL 1

Saturday 29th October

10:10-11:00

The Most Valuable Language to Learn: The Language of the Giraffe
Carole Westerkamp

11:10-12:00

Is It “All Greek” to You?
Christina Takouda

12:10-13:00

Keynote in main theatre

Lunch

15:00-15:50

Keynote in main theatre

16:00-16:50

The Endangered Language and Culture of Wilamowice: A Small Town in Southern Poland with a Mysterious History
Bartłomiej Janiczak

17:00-17:50

Accidental Polyglot: Navigating the Politics and Psychology of Language
Mishell Hernandez

Sunday 30th October

10:00-10:50

Size Isn't Everything: Studying Tiny Languages

Alan King

11:00-11:50 a.m.

Lives On The Line: Language and Conflict in Central Asia

Emily Canning

12:00-12:50

Keynote in main hall

Lunch – Group Photo Outside!

15:00-15:50

Keynote in main hall

16:00-16:50

Raise From The Dead: How to Resurrect Ancient Greek and Egyptian to Build a Language Course

Jean-Pierre Guglielmi

17:00-17:50

Das balkanische sprachliche Weltbild? (DE)

Alexander Kuperdaev

18:00-18:15 Concluding remarks from organizers. Announcement of location for Polyglot Conference 2017.

TRACK 3 IN MORIS SALTIEL 2

Saturday 29th October

10:10-11:00

The Age Factor in Foreign Language Acquisition: A Critical Period for Foreign Language Acquisition, Reality or Myth

Tim Keeley

11:10-12:00

How To Start Your Own Polyglot Community

Arradi Nur Rizal

12:10-13:00

Keynote in Main Hall

Lunch

15:00-15:50

Keynote in Main Hall

16:00-16:50

La gamification, où l'art de faire du jeu un outil central de votre apprentissage des langues (FR)

Johanna Wagman and Bertrand Millet

17:00-17:50

Niederländisch für Deutschsprachigen mit Linguistik (DE)

Ellen de Visser

Sunday 30th October

10:00-10:50

The Language Project: Words are Meaningful
Dr. Zoi Resta and Dr. Anastasios Ioannidis

11:00-11:50

Children's Language Learning Inspired by 'A Clockwork Orange'
Alex Somervell and Johnny Pryn

12:00-12:50

Keynote in Main Hall

Lunch – Group Photo Outside!

15:00-15:50

Keynote in Main Hall

16:00-16:50

Characterising Your Language(s): Acting Techniques to Improve Your Polyglot Skills
Michael Levi-Harris

17:00-17:50

The Power of Setting Priorities in Language Learning
Lýdia Machová

18:00-18:15 Concluding remarks from organizers. Announcement of location for Polyglot Conference 2017.