

Journée d'étude PLF - Pratiques langagières familiales / Politiques linguistiques familiales

Workshop on FLP: Family Language Policy / Family Language Practices

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This workshop will be organized at the CNRS SeDyL Center, in Paris Villejuif, which has a long research tradition on language contact and an expertise on the analysis of language practices as social practices (Boutet et al. 1976) in multilingual settings (Léglise & Alby 2016) and especially in postcolonial contexts (Léglise 2017) where language policy of various institutions – State, schools, hospital etc. – also needs to be investigated (Léglise 2007, Lemerrier, Muni Toke & Palomares 2014, Alby & Léglise 2016). A specific strand of research focusses on language practices within transnational families between European regions and countries referred to as the Global South (Gorovitz & Léglise 2015, Istanbulu & Léglise 2014, Istanbulu 2015).

The Multiling Center in Oslo has a strong expertise in Family Language Policy, a strand of research well developed in the Anglophone research tradition (Fogle & King 2017) but with little resonance in France. Within the project MultiFam, transnational and multilingual families with Polish, German, Portuguese, Swahili and Norwegian among the main family languages are in focus to understand multilingual practices, policies and management. Interactions and attitudes are taken into account to understand language acquisition and learning in children and adults (Lanza 2004, Golden & Lanza 2013). Language experiences, ideologies and multilingual social spaces are the perspectives that researchers take to make sense of complex transnational settings (Purkarthofer 2017, Purkarthofer & Steien in press).

Therefore, we invite researchers working on family language practices or on family language policy with an interest in interaction to discuss. Issues will include ideologies on transnational parenting as well as on acquisition in transnational families. These exchanges can contribute to a better understanding of research environments and enrich both research practices in Paris and in Oslo, including the discussion of methodologies to analyze family language practices.

Some of the questions will be:

How can we understand families in their microsettings and influenced (and influencing) macro politics?

What is the place of individual agency with a focus on family?

How are cultural understandings (or social constructions) of families relevant for research and how do they influence research traditions?

9:30 Elizabeth Lanza & Judith Purkarthofer (MultiLing): Transnational families, the media and the Norwegian *Barnevernet*: Discourses between the public and the private.

10:15 Anne Golden (MultiLing): Family matters: Conversations with mothers - as learners and as teachers

11:00 Isabelle Léglise (CNRS, SeDyL): Genealogies, language biography and family language practices among transnational families (Brazil – Guyane)

11:45 Suat Istanbulu, (INALCO, SeDyL) on Family Language practices and intergenerational communication among transnational trilingual families (Antioch, Paris, Berlin)

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Anna Ghimenton (Université Lumière Lyon 2, DDL) How can the language socialization approach shed light on family language practices? Analyzing dinnertime narrations in Italian families living in France.

14:15 Shahzaman Haque (INALCO, PLIDAM) Why Family Language Policy is crucial? Case studies on immigrant families in France & Pakistan

15:00 Valelia Muni Toke (IRD, SeDyL) Discussing the notion of Family Language policy