



Symposium
Language Contact and the Dynamics of Language: Theory and Implications
 10-13 May 2007
 Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology
 (Leipzig)

Symposium schedule
http://www.unice.fr/ChaireIUF-Nicolai/Archives/Symposium/Index_Symposium.html

9 May
17.00 Arrival of Participants. Informal meeting
Entrance Hall

10 May
I. 'Contact': an 'obvious fact'? A notion to be rethought?

9.00 Opening. Bernard Comrie & Robert Nicolai

9.30	Donald Winford	Ohio State University	<i>Processes of creolization and related contact-induced language change.</i>
------	----------------	-----------------------	---

10.30 Coffee

11.00	Anthony Grant	Edge Hill Lancaster University	Contact-induced change and the openness of "closed" morphological systems: some cases from native America
11.30	Patrick McConvell & Felicity Meakins	AIATSIS, Canberra & University of Melbourne	Mixed languages as outcomes of code-switching: recent examples from Australia and their implications for the past
12.00	Norval Smith	University of Amsterdam	Substrate phonology, superstrate phonology and adstrate phonology in creole languages
12.30	Isabelle Léglise	CELIA, CNRS, Paris	Explaining language contact phenomena in a dynamic synchronic / prospective diachronic perspective: discussion of a methodological frame.
13.00 – 13.30	Claire Lefebvre	UQAM - Université du Québec à Montréal	Relabelling : a major process in language contact

13.45 Lunch

14.45	Malcolm Ross	The Australian National University, Canberra	The history of metatypy in the Bel languages
-------	--------------	--	--

15.15 Coffee

15:45 – 17:45	Round table <i>Chair: Malcolm Ross</i>	<i>The importance of 'contact' as a linguistic and anthropological phenomenon.</i> The "creole" debate, the "mixed language" debate, the contact-induced change debate and their broader contexts. These empirically documented and "ideologically" founded debates allow one to illustrate and to question fundamental points regarding our understanding of the evolution of language and of the dynamics of languages: structural homogeneity and heterogeneity of languages (cf. metatypy, convergence and emergence of new languages). <i>Don Winford: the creole debate</i> <i>Anthony Grant: the mixed-language debate</i> <i>Sally Thomason: the contact-induced change debate</i> <i>Nick Enfield: the anthropological dimension of contact-induced change</i>
---------------	--	--

18.00	<i>Robert Nicolai & Henning Schreiber: Presentation of Journal of Language Contact (JLC) and of the first issue of JLC-THEMA serie:</i> <i>The Contact: Framing its Theories and Descriptions / Contact : descriptions, théorisations, cadrages</i> Members of the Editorial Board present at the Symposium : P. Bakker, Kl. Beyer, C. Canut, B. Comrie, Fr. Gadet, B. Heine, I. Léglise, M. Mous, P. Muysken, Carol Myers-Scotton, R. Nicolai, M. Ross, W. Samarin, H. Schreiber, N. Smith, A. Tabouret-Keller, S. Thomason, D. Winford, P. Zima.
-------	---

11 May

II. Contact, typology and evolution of languages: a perspective to be explored

9.00	<i>Bernard Comrie</i>	<i>MPI-EVA, Leipzig & University of California Santa Barbara</i>	<i>What does WALS tell us about the diffusion of structural features?</i>
------	-----------------------	--	---

10.00 Coffee

10.30	Peter Bakker	Aarhus University	Rethinking structural diffusion.
11.00	Mauro Tosco	Istituto Universitario Orientale, Napoli	Do we really need linguistic areas?
11.30	Carmen Silva-Corvalán	University of Southern California	The limits of convergence in language contact.
12.00	William Samarin	University of Toronto	Convergence and the retention of marked consonants in Pidgin Sango
12.30	Bernd Heine & Tania Kouteva	Universität zu Köln & Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf	Identifying instances of contact-induced grammatical replication.
13.00 – 13.30	John Holm	University of Coimbra	Creole typology and substrate typology.

13.45 Lunch

14.45	Uri Tadmor	Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology	Is borrowability borrowable?
15.15	Martin Haspelmath & Uri Tadmor	MPI-EVA, Leipzig	Loanword typology: the cross-linguistic study of lexical borrowability.

15.45 Coffee

16.00 – 18.00	Round table <i>Chair: Martin Haspelmath</i>	Language contact and linguistic areas from a world-wide comparative perspective. Bernd Heine, Tom Güldemann, David Gil, Martin Haspelmath. Results of language contact seen from a broad comparative perspective; linguistic areas at a local, continental and a global scale; different "diffusibility" or "areal stability" of different linguistic features; the role of a language's structural type in facilitating or rejecting structural influence; the relation between grammatical and lexical borrowing; cross-linguistic comparability of language contact as a basis for typological language-contact databases; the possibility of quantifying contact influence, both within a language and in a large language sample.	
----------------------	---	---	--

18.00	Susanne Michaelis: Presentation of <i>The Atlas of Pidgin and Creole Language Structures (APiCS)</i> Editors: Susanne Michaelis, Philippe Maurer, Magnus Huber, Martin Haspelmath. http://email.eva.mpg.de/~michaels/apics/index.html		
--------------	---	--	--

12 May

III. Representation of the phenomena and the role of descriptors: a perspective to be established

9.00	Robert Nicolai	Institut Universitaire de France & Université de Nice	Dynamique du langage et élaboration des langues : quelques défis à relever.
------	----------------	---	---

10.00 Coffee

10.30	Zygmunt Frajzyngier & Erin Shay	University of Colorado, Boulder	Language-internal versus contact-induced change: the case of split coding of person and number. a Stefan Elders' question.
11.00	Carol Myers-Scotton	Michigan State University	Testing the 4-M Model with Contact Data.
11.30	Pieter Muysken	Radboud University Nijmegen	Out of the raritätenkabinett? An evidence-based approach to language contact studies.
12.00	Sally Thomason	University of Michigan	Social vs. linguistic factors as predictors of contact-induced change.
12.30	Petr Zima	Charles University of Prague	Contact of speakers and interference of languages.
13.00 – 13.30	Cécile Canut	MoDyCo, Lacis, Montpellier III	Parole et Agencements.

13.45 Lunch

14.45	Nick Enfield	Max Planck Institute, Nijmegen	Epidemiology as a model for the dynamics of language.
15.15	Andrée Tabouret-Keller	CNRS, Strasbourg	Langues en contact : persistance et intérêt d'une métaphore.
15.45	Françoise Gadet	Modyco, Paris 10	Variation and contact in French spoken outside France

16.15 Coffee

16.30 – 18.45	<p><i>Round table</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Robert Nicolai</i></p>	<p><i>Theorizations, models, metaphors, representations and attempts at (re)conceptualization</i></p> <p>Françoise Gadet, Patrick McConnell, Carol Myers-Scotton, Robert Nicolai, Katja Ploog, Andrée Tabouret-Keller, Sally Thomason, Mauro Tosco, Donald Winford.</p> <p>In connection with the double requirement of theoretical reflection and empirical underpinning, the aim is to develop an epistemological reflection on the elaboration of knowledge in this domain.</p> <p>- Role of metaphor and phenomena in the construction of representations (reference to “explanatory” paradigms”: evolutionary, complex, ecological, structuralist, essentialist, cognitivist).</p> <p>- Role of variation, construction of norms, processes of semiotization, retention of historicity in the dynamics of the transformation of languages facing language-contact and language homogeneity construction.</p> <p>Françoise Gadet: Adjustments between speakers Carol Myers-Scotton: metaphors and modelling Robert Nicolai: Possibility and probability</p>	
---------------	---	---	--

20.00 Dinner

13 May

IV. Emerging research perspectives

9.30	Round table	Theoretical and methodological questions and synthesis	
------	-------------	--	--

10.30 Coffee

11.00	Forecasting	Publication project, next symposium, etc.	
-------	-------------	---	--

12.00 Closing