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Multilingualism through Diverse Voices and Contexts of Life

Center for Multilingualism in Society Across the Lifespan (MultiLing)
Friday, March 12, 09:30–12:10 AM, Oslo, Norway

This public event is organized on the occasion of the 2021 International Mother Language Day.

Session format

This digital event features one 45-minute lecture and three 15-minute talks, in three sessions followed by 10 minutes of discussion sessions.

Speakers

[Yeşim Sevinç](#)

[Oliwia Szymanska](#)

[Liquan Liu](#)

[Elisabet García González](#)

Aim

In many areas of the world, social, emotional and institutional challenges of using mother tongues are still inevitable. Undoubtedly, there is much to do about the promotion and implementation of multilingualism and maintenance of the mother tongue in practice. This event will serve as a powerful reminder about the challenges and inequalities that multilinguals continue to experience on daily basis when using or maintaining their mother tongues. As researchers, we aim to remind everyone once again that multilingual children of immigrant and/or indigenous communities have an international right to speak, grow up with, and be educated in their own mother language or languages, wherever they reside. We encourage multilinguals, multilingual families, communities, researchers and teachers to take the responsibility to multilingual children for promoting their resilience and well-being to cope with the challenges and stand up for their mother tongues and multilingualism.

The social contexts are covered at this year's event:

- daily life contexts (e.g., home, school, workplace, outside in society)
- healthcare
- family



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Program

12 March 2021

Session I **Diverse daily life contexts**

09.30–09.45

Welcome

Elizabeth Lanza

09.45–10.30

Mother tongue into socioemotional encounters of multilingualism

Yeşim Sevinç

10.30–10.40

Discussion 1

10.40–10.50

Break

Session II **Healthcare**

10.50–11.10

An L2-speaking doctor in Norwegian healthcare: Expectations, domains and challenges

Oliwia Szymanska

11.10–11.20

Discussion 2

11.20–11.25

Break

Session III **Family**

11.25–11.40

From language to emotion: Multilingualism as spectacles to shape young children's perception of the world

Liquan Liu

11.45–12.00

Homecoming: Multilingualism as a source of family wellbeing amidst the global pandemic

Elisabet García González

12.00–12.10

Discussion 3

Organizers: Yeşim Sevinç and Michela Iacorossi

