Interaction and Variation in Pluricentric Languages.
Communicative Patterns in Sweden Swedish and Finland Swedish

AIMS
• Contribute to theory development by introducing a new framework for researching PLs
• Investigate communicative patterns based on naturally occurring conversations
• Document and compare FS & SS

WHY PL?
Relationship language – nation – culture is complex and PLs offer a perspective to research this relationship.

WHY SWEDISH?
• No previous large-scale empirical comparative documentation of Swedish as a PL
• Important that 'smaller' PLs are taken into account when formulating a theoretical framework for PLs in general
• Increased understanding of Swedish as PL → practical implications for language policy
• Swedish as a PL offers new research dimension: FS as non-dominant variety and official language but also minority language
• Wider practical importance in society

INTERACTIONS IN SERVICE/EDUCATION/HEALTH-CARE DOMAINS

Conversation Analysis  Variational pragmatics

Ethnography

Micro

Macro

Corpus project  Contextual project
PROGRAMME STRENGTHS
• Truly comparative investigation through maximally compatible datasets
• A research group in each domain project
• Competency in both varieties (FS & SS)
• Established links with national and international research centres & research groups

PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTIONS
• A systematic large-scale comparison of communicative patterns based on naturally occurring conversations in FS & SS
• A substantial contribution to theory development → new framework for studying PLs
• Creation of a generally available domain specific corpus of spoken SS and FS
• A basis for practical applications

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