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Thematic workshop: *Interactional Perspectives on Pluricentric Languages* organized by
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Call for papers

Most previous research on pluricentric languages has focused on formal differences (such as pronunciation, vocabulary, morphology and syntax, see e.g. Clyne 1992) between national varieties of pluricentric languages. In recent years, the importance of studying pluricentric languages from a pragmatic perspective has been foregrounded (Schneider & Barron 2008), and a growing number of studies have also taken an interactional perspective. This body of research has found both similarities and differences between varieties of a pluricentric language. For example, the prosodic and lexicosyntactic organization of practices and action formation, e.g. terms of address, greeting and thanking, next-turn repetition, using high grade assessments as well as giving and receiving advice have been investigated (e.g. Bergen et al 2017, Couper-Kuhlen forthcoming, Henricsson & Nelson 2017, Nilsson et al 2018, Norrby et al. 2015, Reber 2017). By analyzing communicative patterns in varieties of the same language in separate cultural settings, we gain new insights into differences and commonalities in the construction of social interaction and how this is mediated through linguistic and bodily means.

In this workshop, we intend to explore structures of social interaction – both universal and culture specific – in and between pluricentric languages, by comparing the use of (embodied) linguistic structures, practices, actions and courses of actions between pluricentric linguistic communities and cultures.

Papers on any of the above-named phenomena are welcome. We invite contributions (20 mins + discussion) with interactional perspectives (such as, but not limited to, interactional linguistics, conversation analysis, multimodal analysis, interactional sociolinguistics, discourse analysis and variational pragmatics) on any pluricentric language(s).

Abstracts of no more than 300 words (incl. references) should be sent to Jenny Nilsson jenny.nilsson@isof.se by 15 October 2018. Notification of acceptance will be given by 15 January 2019.

For more information about the conference, please visit the website: <https://www.su.se/svefler/ivip/evenemang-och-media-conferences-and-media/languagesnations-cultures>

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