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# CONCEPTS IN SOCIOCULTURAL SPACE

## THE BALKANS AND THE CAUCASUS IN FOCUS



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Human interaction is always imbedded in a number of social and cultural frameworks that function within the sociocultural space – the pendant to the physical world of human interaction and the space where the cognitive content gets its shape in form of conceptions and attitudes. Our interest pertains to both sides of this process: the conceptual content realized in various social and cultural frameworks, and the context-specific instantiation of presumably basic concepts, like belonging, loyalty, reciprocity, etc., in sociocultural patterns and practices. By (re-)evaluating anthropological, linguistic, but also socioeconomic, historical, and other evidence we seek insights into the ways social constructs, networks, interdependences, and developments – contemporary and past – are conceived and conceptualized in the Balkans and the Caucasus. Both areas provide one of the richest sources of the empirical data on diverse manifestations of human interaction and a promising grass-root input for cognitive analyses. Both show exceptionally entangled linguistic, cultural, ethnic and confessional diversity and exhibit parallels in (1) ecology and topography, hence, in common ways of sustainment, traditional family structures, etc.; (2) in their pan-regional cultural and historical development shaping the collective memory and the image of oneself vs. the others; (3) in multifaceted demographic (ethnic, religious, etc.) composition providing context for sustained intercultural and interlinguistic exchange. Talks from various disciplines and transdisciplinary approaches will introduce new perspectives, bring or contrast conclusive factual evidence to address:

- Cultural and religious codes, their cognitive content, and manifestations in space and time
- Patterns and networks of close social interaction and their conceptualization, as well as the interplay of the factual and conceptual changes of these
- Linguistic or other semiotic evidence of conceptual shifts within a given sociocultural framework
- Linguistic (or other semiotic) evidence of the ongoing or former multicultural exchange, such as, e.g., the concepts of continuity and sustainability in contexts of forced cultural contact as realized in legal practices, systems of values and/or reflected in linguistic codes
- Impacts of changing socioeconomic conditions and/or demographic or other challenges on the conceptual processing, e.g., the conceptual content of continuity vs. discontinuity.

## KEYNOTES

**Nick Enfield** | The University of Sydney  
**Victor Friedman** | University of Chicago  
**Maria Koptjevskaja-Tamm** | Stockholm University  
**Kevin Tuïte** | University of Montreal  
**Brian Joseph** | Ohio State University

# PROGRAM

## WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2023

- 09:15–09:30** **Welcoming address**
- Cognitive Anthropology and Anthropological Linguistics**  
*Chair: Katsiaryna Ackermann*
- 09:30–10:30** **Keynote**  
**Nick Enfield** | University of Sydney (online)  
*Network Ecologies, Flow Regimes, and the Textured Dynamics of Language*
- 10:30–11:00** COFFEE BREAK
- 11:00–12:00** **Keynote**  
**Victor Friedman** | University of Chicago and La Trobe University  
*Comparing the Balkans and the Caucasus: Sprachbunds, Restricted Coherences, Differential Bindings, Accretion, and Spread*
- 12:00–13:00** **Alexandra Aikhenvald** | Central Queensland University (online)  
*The world through the prism of language: noun categorization devices and the ecology of language*
- 13:00–14:30** LUNCH BREAK
- Balkan vs. Caucasus Session**  
*Chair: Brian Joseph*
- 14:30–15:00** **Dieter Halwachs** | University of Graz  
*The application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages in the Balkans and the Caucasus region*
- 15:00–15:30** **Ivan Biliarsky** | Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia  
*Byzantine and Ottoman: imperial legacies embraced and rejected*
- 15:30–16:00** **Christoph Giesel** | University of Jena  
*Interdisciplinary structural comparison of islamized Macedonians (Torbeshi) and islamized Georgians (Adzhars). Conceptual implications*
- 16:00** COFFEE BREAK
- 16:30:00–17:30** **Book stand**  
 ÖAW publishing house and titles by conference participants
- 19:00** **Conference Dinner**  
 in 12 Apostelkeller, Sonnenfelsgasse 3, 1010 Wien

## THURSDAY, 11 MAY 2023

### Balkan Linguistics Session

Chair: Victor Friedman

09:00–10:00 **Keynote**  
**Brian Joseph** | Ohio State University  
*The role of meaning in language contact – The case of the Balkans*

10:00–10:30 **Gabriella Schubert** | University of Jena, prelim. title  
*Revisiting cultural semiotics at the Balkans*

10:30–11:00 **Angel G. Angelov** | Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“  
*Rethinking historical lexicology in the paradigm of cognitive models: the case of medieval Greek-Bulgarian language contacts*

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

### Caucasian Linguistics Session

Chair: Kevin Tuite

11:30–12:30 **Nina Dobrushina** | University of Tübingen and Collegium de Lyon –  
Laboratoire Dynamique du Langage, Université de Lyon  
*Discourse phenomena channel the diffusion of grammatical phenomena: the case of wishes and optatives*

12:30–13:00 **Diana Forker** | University of Jena  
*At the crossroads of Occident and Orient: What is on and in the Hinuq heart?*

13:00–14:30 LUNCH BREAK

Chair: Maria Koptjevskaja-Tamm

14:30–15:00 **Gilles Authier** | Collège de France, Institut des Civilisations, Paris  
*Ups and down: the history of elevational marking in East Caucasian*

15:00–15:30 **Rita Popova, Anton Buzanov** | independent researchers  
**Ekaterina Voloshina** | University of Gothenburg, and  
**Mikhail Daniel** | Laboratoire Dynamique du Langage, Université de Lyon – CNRS  
*Size matters? How size affects gender assignment in East Caucasian*

15:30–16:00 **Suren Zolyan** | University of Yerevan, Armenia  
*The rise of myths: The history of modern Armenia through its political symbolism*

16:00 COFFEE BREAK

17:00–18:00 **Guided tour at Weltmuseum**, Heldenplatz, 1010 Wien

19:00 **Dinner** for keynote speakers

## FRIDAY, 12 MAY 2023

### Caucasian Anthropology Session

Chair: Nina Dobrushina

09:30–10:30 **Keynote**  
**Kevin Tuite** | University of Montréal  
*“Maniaques de la taxinomie”: Sacred and ritual space among the Svans of northwestern Georgia*

10:30–11:00 **Irma Kreiten** | South-Hampton University, online  
*Dreamscapes and imperial borderlands: Inculcating “Russian” identities into Northern Caucasus through theme parks*

11:00–11:30 **Oliver Reisner** | Jean Monnet Chair, Ilia State University, Tiflis, Georgia  
*Localizing culture between Black Sea and Caucasus Mountains: negotiating the Soviet concept of Kraevedenie at the Batumi conference in 1925*

11:30–12:00 COFFEE BREAK

### Balkan Anthropology Session

Chair: Robert Pichler

12:00–12:30 **Nebi Bardhoshi** | Academy of Albanian Studies, Tirana (online)  
*The concept of legal authority in Albanian customary law*

12:30–13:00 **Abdurrahman Icyer** | University of Göttingen  
*Getting into the Serbian national propaganda in the Ottoman Empire: fluid identities – an attempt of a conceptual analysis*

13:00–13:30 **Jelena Pavlović Jovanović, Milan Todorović and Nataša Spasić** | University of Kragujevac, Serbia (online)  
*Cognitive approach to spatial organization of quarantine in 19th century Serbia – A case of removing multicultural boundaries*

13:30–15:00 LUNCH BREAK

### Cognitive Anthropology and Anthropological Linguistics

Chair: Katsiaryna Ackermann

15:00–16:00 **Keynote**  
**Maria Koptjevskaja-Tamm** | Stockholm University  
*Areal typology of lexico-semantics*

16:00–16:30 **Jürgen Bohnemeyer** | Semantic Typology Lab, State University of New York at Buffalo  
**Katharine Donelson** | University of Nevada, Reno and  
**Yen-Ting Lin** | National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (online)  
*Semantic and cognitive transfer*

16:30–17:00 COFFEE BREAK  
*Chair: Joachim Matzinger*

17:00–17:30 **Terry Regier** | Language and Cognition Lab, The University of California, Berkeley (online)  
*Semantic categories, culture, and efficient communication*

17:30–18:00 **Vienna Research Hub: Language-Culture-Cognition Lab** | ÖAW (junior team)  
*Conceptualizing the own and the foreign in oral idioms across the Balkans*

18:00–18:15 **Closing words**

## SATURDAY, 13. MAY 2023

10:00 **Half-day excursion**  
Program depending on weather.

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