

A.2: Shifting and competing ideologies in minority language development and language maintenance

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In recent decades, our understanding of the interaction between language and culture, as well as language and society, has deepened. Current multidimensional and interdisciplinary studies allow for a new assessment of how philosophical concepts of language have varied throughout different historical periods, how linguistics has evolved, and how it has influenced language practices globally. The framework of language ideologies is an approach that enables the most comprehensive examination of all these aspects of language. The study of minority and indigenous languages has significantly benefited from the research on language ideologies. Research on language ideologies has demonstrated how the impact of colonialism and Western scholars' approaches has altered the language practices of minority and indigenous communities.

The main target of interest in this symposium is the impact of implicit and explicit language ideologies on language change and language maintenance. In particular, we suggest discussing

- how various language ideologies determine borrowing strategies, attitudes towards linguistic purism, and relationships between standard and colloquial varieties;
- how language ideologies influence the teaching of minority languages and intergenerational language transmission.

The scope of the symposium includes both present and historical settings. A special focus is on the use of literary sources in minority Finno-Ugric languages (newspapers, journals, grammars and scientific publications, resolutions and protocols of meetings, digital materials, etc.) as research material, as well as on the evaluation of the suitability of different research methods and approaches (branches of discourse analysis, textual analysis, and source of a grammar analysis).

The main goal of the symposium is to trace how language ideologies have changed throughout the documented history of the use of Finno-Ugric languages, as well as to analyze how they impact the usage of contemporary languages. Another important goal of the symposium is to create ties and encourage discussion among researchers of different languages and sociolinguistic situations.

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