



FORTHEM PROJECT

Proposal For A Short-Term Collective Mobility Activity in 2022

Name of activity

Summer School «Minority languages: language rights and practices»

Details of organiser

Càtedra de Drets Lingüístics de la Universitat de València / Chair of Linguistic Rights of

Universitat de València, in partnership with the European Language Equality Network (EL:EN) **Name of organiser**

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Position

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Relevant experience of the project leaders

- Prof. Dr. Vicenta Tasa is co-Director of the Chair of Linguistic Rights of the University of Valencia and Professor of the Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science of this university. He has focused his research interest in the analysis of the linguistic rights of minority languages, with multiple publications in this regard.
- Prof. Dr. Rafael Castelló is co- Director of the Chair of Linguistic Rights and Professor of the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology. He has a long history in teaching and sociological research in linguistic practices, as well as in the management of linguistic policy.
- Prof. Dr. Ferran Suay is Director of the Languages and Linguistic Policies Unit of the University of Valencia. Professor of the Department of Biopsychology. He has extensive teaching and research experience on psychological processes related to linguistic practices.

Summary

This is a training proposal on the rights associated with minority languages and the practices of their users. With the planned activities, the construction of knowledge by the student himself is sought from the materials provided through participatory dynamics.

The organising team is made up of people with a proven track record in dealing with the problem addressed: the co-Heads of the Department of Linguistic Rights, Vicenta Tasa and Rafael Castelló, and the Head of the Languages and Linguistic Policies Unit, Ferran Suay, have produced multiple publications linked to the proposed object of study. On the other hand, they also provide a powerful institutional commitment of the University of Valencia with the proposal, since all three are responsible for vital units of the university itself.

The structures linked to the organisation of the proposal are: the Chair of Linguistic Rights, the Summer University of Gandia, and the Vice Rectorate for Internationalization and Multilingualism, in partnership with ELEN.

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The activities will take place in the city of Gandia, where the University of Valencia has the facilities of its summer university. The planned dates are those between Monday 18th July and Friday 22nd of July 2022.

Every day, the begins with a key lecture by a guest. Next, a participatory activity will be carried out by the attendees, organised in groups. They will discuss what the lecturer has proposed to conclude with a proposal shared by the team. Later on, the topic will be discussed in a Round Table in which two guests will participate together with the contribution from the attendees. The session will conclude with a Discussion.

The proposed Summer School serves to FORTHEM's strategic objectives:

- educate future generations of open-minded people committed to our common democratic values,
- encourage reflexivity surrounding classroom practices and stimulate using innovative and participative, student-centered methods.
- foster multilingualism
- address societal challenges and enhance the vision of open society for tomorrow's European citizens

The Summer School is addressed to

Undergraduate or graduate students from Forthem's universities as well as to language activists from the Valencian/Catalan speaking territories. They must be fluent in English (having a B2 level of CEFRL).

The costs of mobility, stay and work of speakers and teachers will be borne by the Chair of Linguistic Rights; the social activities and cultural programme will be linked to the programme of the Summer University of Gandia, which will also provide classrooms and work rooms. Representatives from ELEN member organisations are welcome to participate and must register with the organisers.

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Summer School's schedule

| | Monday, 18 ^h July | Tuesday, 19 th July | Wednesday, 20 th July | Thursday, 21 st July | Friday, 22 nd July |
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| 9-9:45. Lecture | UN Special Rapporteur for Minorities Prof. Fernand. De Varennes. International Human Rights and Languages - The Incomplete Story'. | Prof. Rob Dunbar (University of Edinburgh) Assessing language policies. | Dr. Davyth Hicks (ELEN). Minority language media: ensuring the media space for our languages. | Prof. Vesna Crnić- Grotić.(ECRML COMEX) The Role of the ECRML in Language Rights s implementation | Prof. Ferran Suay. Linguistic assertiveness: a European perspective |
| 9:45-10-15. Discussion | | | | | |
| 10:15-11:15 Coffee Break | | | | | |
| 11:30-12:30 Team work | Language rights, the latecomer to the human rights party? | What should effective language policies contribute? | Is minority language media viable in a globalised media world? | Are language rights effective?a | 10:30-12:00 Presentation of the LISTEN Erasmus Plus project and dialogue with Valencian Language NGOs. |
| 13:30 Lunch | | | | | |
| 16-17 Round Table (1) | What can we expect from the International institutions? Fernand de Varennes (UN) & Davyth Hicks (ELEN) | Assessment of language policies. Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones / Rob Dunbar | Mass Media through minority languages Dòmhall McNeill (CnaG)& Tore Cubeddu (EjaTV / | How can we exert the language rights we already have? Mirjam Vellinga (Afuk) / Conchúr Ó Giollagáin (Soillse,UHI)) | |
| 17-17:30 Discussion | | | | | |
| Cultural activities | | | | | |
| 18:00-22:30 | Cinema | Historic Tour (Palace of the Borgias) | Natural Tour (Parpalló Cave) | Music concert and Beach party | |

(1) Round Tables: in all cases + 1 students' representative