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Call for Papers: Perspectives on the revitalization of minority languages

Date: November 20-22, 2024

Location: Södertörn University

Organizers: Institute for Language and Folklore and Södertörn University

Södertörn University (SH) and the Institute for Language and Folklore (Isof) invite you to a conference on perspectives on the revitalization of minority languages. Language revitalization is an increasingly urgent issue in our time, both in the Nordic region and in Europe as well as worldwide. During 2022-2024, SH and Isof both have specific government assignments on the revitalization of the national minority languages.

The conference wants to highlight both experiences and research to enable the problematization of revitalization as a concept, idea and practice. We also want to open a discussion on how activism and research can mutually benefit each other.

Each conference day has a different objective. The first day is devoted to presentations of experiences from different types of current projects for the revitalization of national minority languages.

The second and third days focus on current research on language revitalization from broader perspectives. We particularly welcome research focusing on educational interventions for the revitalization of minority languages and research on interventions for children and young people. We also welcome research contributions that discuss and problematize:

- historical or contemporary perspectives on language policy conditions and prerequisites for language revitalization,
- methods for language revitalization,
- local commitment and local initiatives both in Sweden and internationally,
- theoretical perspectives or use of concepts in the field of language revitalization

Please register and upload your abstracts (max 200 words) by May 13, 2024, through the following [LINK](#) or <https://forms.office.com/e/P44ZNRk6XH>.

Successful applicants will be notified by June 28, 2024. Standard paper format: 20-minute paper followed by 10 minutes of Q&A.

Participation in the conference is free of charge. However, travel- and hotel costs must be covered by the participants.

For questions, please contact: romskt.regeringsuppdrag@sh.se

Södertörn University has two government assignments aimed at strengthening the language, culture, and revitalization of the Roma national minority and working toward teacher training in the language Romani Chib.

The Institute for Language and Folklore has a government assignment to initiate language centers for Finnish, Yiddish, Meänkieli and Romani Chib. Isof will also, in dialog with the Sami Parliament, develop indicators that make it possible to monitor the development of national minority languages over time.