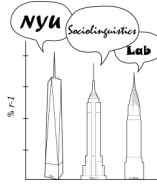




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The University of Cologne, New York University (NYU), the German Center for Research and Innovation (DWIH) and the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in New York cordially invite you to a panel on:

Empowering Mother Languages – Sustaining Diversity

Thursday, February 21, 2019
7:00 - 8:30 pm

with welcoming remarks by

Yasemin Pamuk

Consul, Head of the Cultural Affairs and Science Department
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Panelists

Prof. Dr. Aria Adli

Professor of Linguistics, University of Cologne

Dr. Lisa M. Coleman

Senior Vice President for Global Inclusion, Diversity
and Strategic Innovation, New York University

Prof. Dr. Ofelia García

Professor in Urban Education and Latin American, Iberian
and Latino Cultures, The City University of New York

Prof. Dr. Gregory Guy

Professor of Linguistics, New York University

Benjamin Kallos

NYC Council Member

moderated by

Dr. Rosemary Feal

Executive Director Emeritus Modern Language Association
Wilbur Marvin Visiting Scholar, Harvard University

Location: German House, 871 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017
Please [RSVP by February 19](#). Registration is required to attend the panel discussion.

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More than half of New York City's 8.6 million residents has roots in a different country and 3.4 million are foreign born. Half of all New Yorkers speak a language other than English at home, and in total there are about 200 languages spoken in New York City. How can educators, policy makers, and community members work to maintain and sustain the many mother tongues present in multilingual communities like New York City? What are the challenges and opportunities of diversity and multilingualism in megacities? These questions and topics will be discussed with an interdisciplinary approach, including perspectives from representatives of the New York City Council and the UN.

The date of this event coincides with the UN International Mother Language Day - did you know that this day is celebrated every year on February 21st? On this occasion, the scientific organizers, Prof. Aria Adli (University of Cologne) and Prof. Gregory Guy (NYU) will be presenting their 'manifesto' calling for an expansion of cross-cultural perspectives in sociolinguistics beyond the examination of mostly Indo-European languages in Western societies, which has characterized the field, to the full tapestry of the world's languages.

Scientific Workshop: Faculty and graduate students in the field of sociolinguistics are furthermore invited to join an afternoon workshop (1:30-6:00 pm) on multiculturalism and multilingualism in a megacity. If you would like to participate, please send an email to events@dwh-newyork.org.



This event is part of the Year of German-American Friendship 2018/19 ("Deutschlandjahr USA"), an initiative aiming to strengthen the friendship between Germany and the US. From October 2018 until the end of 2019, in over 1,000 events in 50 states, the campaign Wunderbar Together will celebrate the deep cultural and historical ties between

Germany and the US, highlighting the shared values of democracy and freedom. This initiative is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office, implemented by the Goethe-Institut, and supported by the Federation of German Industries (BDI). More at wunderbartogether.org.