

# Language diversity and participation across generations and contexts

online-symposium  
December 10 & 11, 2021



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## Abstract

Language diversity is a feature of all contemporary differentiated societies around the globe. Due to migration, globalization and new communication technologies, individuals need to cope with and be able to use multiple languages in order to actively participate in the society. This symposium contextualizes the potential of multiliteracy throughout an individuals' lifespan in multiple contexts (academia, education, home and workplace). For one, the symposium looks at the development and support of multiliteracy in the family, through the educational path, until integration in the work place. More specifically, the talks give insight into how families use digital media and how professionals in school deal and foster multiliteracy. Subsequently, as individuals get older, multilateral skills become an asset for professional success, also in academic settings.

**Get registered:** Please register until Nov 1<sup>st</sup> by using the following link <https://uni-hamburg.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5coc-qrqTwqEtHHUP31KoUv6Guj-U8-B9d> or by sending an email to [Katharina.ackermann@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:Katharina.ackermann@uni-hamburg.de).

### Friday, Dec. 10, 08:00 am – 12:15 am CEST

**Keynote**, 08:00 – 08:45 am

- „Believe it or not: Linguistic diversity and credibility in asylum procedures” – *Laura Smith-Khan, University of Technology Sydney*

**NGP Network meeting** 09:00 – 09:55 am

**Session 1 “Inclusion in academic publishing”**, 10:00 – 11:00 am

- „Does the language of publication change research content?” – *Ingrid Piller, Macquarie University*
- "You've got to keep above the water not to drown: The translingual journey of a multilingual scholar's academic publishing practices" – *Yongyan Zheng, Fudan University*

**Session 2 “Access to the work place”**, 11:15 – 12:15 am

- "Language diversity and access to the workplace: reflecting on different forms of communication and approaches to teaching and learning" – *Lucy Taksa, Centre for*

*Workforce Futures, Macquarie Business School*

- „Multiple languages and their return on the labor market“ – *Eva Markowsky & Miriam Beblo, Universität Hamburg*

### Saturday, Dec. 11, 12:00 am – 02:00 pm CEST

**Session 1 “Empowering vulnerable groups in education”**, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

- “Coping with the dynamics of language and inequality in a primary school in Germany” – *Sílvia Melo-Pfeifer, Universität Hamburg*
- "Translanguaging as a pedagogy of empowerment: insight from a composition course for bilingual Latinxs in a US university." – *Josh Prada, Indiana University*

**Session 2 “Multilingual potential across the life span”**, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

- “Yes, they can! Development of multiliteracy in secondary education.” – *Ingrid Gogolin, Universität Hamburg*
- “Transnational families, multilingualism, and digital polycentricity” – *Jannis Androutsopoulos, Universität Hamburg & MultiLing, University of Oslo*