

# Language and neutrality: Glottopolitical processes and consequences

## Université de Lausanne, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Day 1: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Géopolis 2227 (metro: UNIL Moulins)

- 10:00-10:30 Welcome and Introduction by Maria Rosa Garrido and José del Valle
- 10:30-11:15 Philippe Humbert, Université de Fribourg: *Quantifier la Francophonie : un acte et un outil de neutralisation des conflits* [Quantifying la Francophonie : An act and a tool for neutralising conflict]
- 11:15-12:00 José del Valle, City University of New York: *Neutrality, globality and the geopolitics of Spanish*
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30- 14:15 Jorge Alvis, City University of New York: *Colombian peace talks: Linguistic neutrality and the politics of consensus in the "Final Agreement to End the Armed Conflict and Build a Stable and Lasting Peace" (2016)*
- 14:15-15:00 Suresh Canagarajah, Pennsylvania State University: *Standard Written English as the Global Norm: Possibilities for Decolonizing Academic Writing and Publishing*
- 15:00-15:30 Break
- 15:30-17:00 Discussion on language and neutrality, led by José del Valle and Maria Rosa Garrido

Day 2: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Géopolis 2879 (metro: UNIL Moulins)

- 09:30-10:15 Maria Rosa Garrido Sardà, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona & Université de Lausanne: *Language and neutrality at the International Committee of the Red Cross: Challenging the imagined humanitarian figure*
- 10:15-11:00 Martina Zimmermann, Haute École Pédagogique Vaud & Rocco W. Ronza, Catholic University of Milan: *Neutral language curricula? Exploring current language education policy, discourses and their socio-historic origins in Switzerland and South Africa*
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-12:00 Mariana di Stefano, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad Nacional de las Artes y Universidad Nacional de San Martín: *La construcción de lo neutro en los discursos sobre el esperanto a principios del siglo XX* [The construction of neutrality in the discourses about Esperanto in the early 20th century]
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-15:00 Final discussion led by Anne-Christel Zeiter, Université de Lausanne

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