The Symbiotic Relationship between Language and Nature in Southern and Eastern Arabia

University of Leeds

24-26 April 2019

School of Geography, Garstang Building, Room 7.36
Programme

Venue: School of Geography, Garstang Building, Room 7.36, University of Leeds

Day 1: 24th April 2019

9.30-9.45 Janet Watson: Introduction, summary of activities to date, and work to do; Ecolinguistics book
9.45-10.00 Jon Lovett: Interdisciplinary methodology
10.00-11.00 Discussion
11.00-11.20 TEA/COFFEE
11.20-17.30 PANEL 1: When you name a thing, you see it: The importance of names
11.20-11.50 Miranda Morris: What’s in a name?
11.50-12.20 Fabio Gasparini, Saeed al-Mahri: People and places: Naming the environment in Dhofar
12.20-12.50 Noor Almashani, Ahmed Al Mashikhi: Toponyms and folk toponymistics and their association with nature in Shehret (in Arabic)

12.50-13.50 LUNCH
13.50-14.20 Erik Anonby, AbdulQader al-Kumzari, Yousef al-Kumzari: When water shapes words: Musandam’s Kumzari people and the language of the sea
14.20-14.50 Miranda Morris: Harvesting the sea: The Baṭāḥira
14.50-15.20 Leonid Kogan: Modern South Arabian plant names and their (not very rich) comparative Semitic background
15.20-15.50 Shahina Ghazanfar: Transition in plant names
15.50-16.20 TEA/COFFEE
16.20-17.30 Discussion

Evening: Indian takeaway at 11 Woodbine Terrace, Leeds, LS6 4AF

Day 2: 25th April 2019

9.00-13.00 PANEL 2: Digital mediation of language and place
9.00-9.20 Adam Stone: Methods and applications of GIS in mapping linguistic data
9.20-9.50 Amos Hayes: Mapping language and land with the Nunaliiit Atlas Framework
9.50-10.30  Language and land in fragile ecosystems
            Erik Anonby: Language atlas structure and planning
            Kumiko Murasugi: Mapping the Inuit language of Canada’s Arctic
10.30-11.00  Tom Jackson: Sensory experience, language and writing
11.00-11.30  Simon Popple: Storytelling and the role of place
11.30-12.00  TEA/COFFEE
12.00-13.00  Open discussion
13.00-14.00  LUNCH
14.00-15.40  Break-out groups 1: Break-out groups work together on (participants may move to
            other group)
            Digital mapping
            Revitalisation and dealing with environment and linguistic change
15.40-16.00  TEA/COFFEE
16.00-17.00  Key-note: Dawn Chatty: Bedouins, movement and environmental change
17.00-17.30  Discussion
Evening:  Workshop dinner at Oranaise: http://www.oranaise-cafe.co.uk from 18.30

Day 3: 26th April 2019

9.00-10.40  PANEL 3: The role of popular literature: Narratives and literature around nature
9.00-9.30  Suad al-Manji, Janet Watson: Climatic events and the role of narratives in resilience
9.30-10.30  Poetry and metaphor
            Sam Liebhaber: The metaphorical significance of the monsoon wind in Mahri poetry
            Ahmed Al Mashikhi: The breeze bubit and its metaphorical implications in Dhofari

10.30-11.00  TEA/COFFEE
11.00 – 15.00:  (lunch 13-14.00) Break-out groups 2:
            Naming
            Story-telling (including poetry)
            Revitalisation through the community
15.00-16.30  Conclusion to workshop, further work
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Participants
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Dawn Chatty, University of Oxford
Okasha El Daly, Qatar University
Fabio Gasparini, University of Naples
Shahina Ghazanfar, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, London
Amos Hayes, Carleton University, Ottawa
Tom Jackson, University of Leeds
Leonid Kogan, National Research University, Moscow
AbdulQader al-Kumzari, Ministry of Education, Oman
Yousef al-Kumzari, Ministry of Health, Oman
Sam Liebhaber, Middlebury College, USA
Jon Lovett, University of Leeds
Suad al-Manji, Ministry of Education, Oman
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