Seminar: Language and Society  
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Course Description:

Language is an invaluable means that reflects, maintains and sculptures society. Without it societies as we know would not be able to exist. The way we speak defines us who we are and mirrors what the society expects from us what roles, based on gender, religion, ethnicity etc., are we to fulfill.

In the course of this seminar we will look at the different aspects of the relationship between language and society, we will attempt to determine the degree to which language reflects and perpetuates societal structure. We will analyze linguistic means to express and maintain one’s identity, especially now in the era of globalization; ways and reasons for code-switching, constructing gender as well as basis for linguistic stereotypes, ethnic jokes etc. Also, we will examine the state of minority languages in Europe, language policies and language maintenance.

Course Overview:

June 25.  


June 26.  


