

## 9th Nitobe Symposium, Turin, 28-29 July 2023

### 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: what is the status of the implementation of language rights?

*Date:* Friday 28 July 9:00-18:00 and Saturday 29 July 9:00-13:00

*Venue:* Università di Torino, Centro Aldo Moro, Via Sant'Ottavio 18, Torino.

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#### **Description**

The overall theme of the Nitobe Symposium is the status of the implementation of language rights, 75 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The symposium will provide an opportunity for reflection and discussion on a topic that has gained considerable importance in recent years for a variety of reasons, including increasing international migration, processes of cultural and linguistic homogenization linked to globalisation, the digital revolution that may negatively affect minority languages, and finally situations of armed conflict in multilingual countries such as Ukraine. A special session of the Nitobe Symposium will be dedicated to the case of language rights in Italy, including traditional minorities and those resulting from immigration.

#### Friday 28 July

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:30 Welcome and opening of the symposium

Morning session: **THEORETICAL ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE RIGHTS**

9:30-10:05 **Fernand de Varenes**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, *Presentation and discussion of the report "Language Rights of Linguistic Minorities: A Practical Guide for Implementation" and of the "Proposal for a Global Convention on the Rights of Minorities"*

10:05-10:40 **Robert Phillipson**, Copenhagen Business School, *Presentation and discussion of the book "Handbook of Linguistic Human Rights"*

10:40-11:15 **Bengt-Arne Wickström**, Andrásy-Universität Budapest, *An index to evaluate linguistic justice across countries: discussion and presentation of some preliminary results*

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-12:20 **Vicent Climent-Ferrando**, Universitat Pompeu Fabra – UNESCO Chair on Language Policies for Multilingualism, *Assessing the European Union's support to Regional and Minority Languages. 10 years after the Alfonsi Resolution*

12:20-12:55 **Laure Clément-Wilz**, Université Paris-Est Créteil, *Language rights and the EU Court of Justice*

12:55-14:30 Lunch

Afternoon session: **PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE RIGHTS**

14:30-15:05 **Vicent Fenollar i Sastre** and **Johan Häggman**, respectively, Policy Manager of NPLD-Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity, and Policy Advisor of FUEN-Federal Union of European Nationalities, *What can and what should the EU do for minority or regional languages?*

15:05-15:40 **Davyth Hicks**, Secretary General of ELEN- European Language Equality Network, *Respecting linguistic diversity? Institutional obstacles to language equality and rights in Europe*

15:40-16:10 Coffee break

16:10-16:45 **James Archibald**, McGill University/Università di Torino, *Principles for implementing integrated language policies*

16:45-17:20 **Seán Ó Riain** and **Alice Leal**, respectively Eùropa Esperanto-Unio and University of the Witwatersrand, *Language rights and multilingualism in the EU*

17:20-17:55 **François Grin**, Université de Genève, *Theoretical and methodological tools for the implementation of language rights: presentation of the book "Routledge Handbook of Language Policy and Planning", and the journal "Language Problems & Language Planning"*

17:55-18:00 Closing of the first day

Saturday 29 July

9:00-9:20 Summary of the first day

Morning session: **THE COMPLEXITY OF LANGUAGE RIGHTS. THE CASE OF ITALY AND OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

9:20-9:55 **Antonio Stango**, President of FIDU-Italian Federation of Human Rights, *Human rights in linguistically diverse societies*

9:55-10:30 **Monica Barni**, Università per Stranieri di Siena, *Language rights and migrants in Italy*

10:30-11:05 **Giovanni Agresti**, Université Bordeaux Montaigne and network POCLANDE, *Minorities in Italy and language policies*

11:05-11:35 Coffee break

11:35-12:10 **Ilaria Fiorentini**, Università di Pavia, *The sociolinguistics of minorities in Italy*

12:10-12:30 **Francis Hult**, University of Maryland, *Language rights in the United Nations system* (recorded)

12:30-13:00 Conclusions and closing remarks.

Working languages: English, Italian, Esperanto. Simultaneous interpreting provided.

Attendance is free. For information, please email [Marinaro-N@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:Marinaro-N@ulster.ac.uk).

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