



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)
أسماء الناس والجغرافيا وارتباطها بالطبيعة في لغة (اشحرات الظفارية)، (نور المعشني واحمد المشيخي)
- 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 Nunaliit 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 Pople: 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 metaphoric significance of the monsoon wind in Mahri poetry
 Ahmed Al Mashikhi: The breeze *bubit* and its metaphorical implications in Dhofari *nana* art
- 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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Workshop at the University of Leeds 24-26 April 2019

Participants

Erik Anonby, Carleton University, Ottawa

Maria Beger, University of Leeds

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

Noor al-Mashani, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

Saeed al-Mahri, Salalah, Oman

Ahmed al-Mashikhi, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

Miranda Morris, University of St Andrews

Stephanie Petit, SOAS, London

Simon Popple, University of Leeds

Adam Stone, Carleton University, Ottawa

Janet C.E. Watson, University of Leeds