



Linguapax gathers together several speakers to explore the relationship between spiritual traditions and language - how religious diversity channels different linguistic perspectives.

Linguistic diversity does not just include a variety of codes, what we call 'languages', but also a plurality of ways by which humans represent and experience language.

Spiritual traditions, and the religious practices that derive from them, are to a good degree reflected in specific ways of conceiving and living human communication and expression, the relationship between language, body/mind, and the spiritual dimension that each tradition manifests.

The conference schedules a brief, but intense, journey through a small selection of issues:

- What do we discover about our conception and experience of language if we look at it through the experience of spiritual traditions? (Jordi Pigem);
- What do we discover in the history of religions if we examine them through the languages that channelled and disseminated them? (Nicholas Ostler);
- In the context of globalized cities, how do the religious affiliations of young people interact with their linguistic ideologies and education? (Vally Lytra).
- How does religious diversity and linguistic diversity interact in Barcelona? (Roundtable discussion with several representatives).

PROGRAMME

- 9:00 Registration.
- 9:30 Institutional opening:
- **Mònica Pereña**, president of Linguapax
 - **Lola López**, Commissioner for Immigration, Interculturality and Diversity of the Barcelona City Council.
- 9:45 Presentation of the conference. **Alícia Fuentes-Calle**, director of Linguapax.

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- 10:00 Opening lecture:
- "As there is in the word all the light and wonder of the world...".
Jordi Pigem, philosopher of science and writer.
- 10:45 *How Missionary Faiths Evolve, as they Expand into New Languages. Religious History Affected by Language Changes.*
- Nicholas Ostler**, chair of the Foundation for Endangered Languages. Presented by **Enric Serra**, member of the Linguapax Board, associate professor at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
- 11:30 Break
- 11:45 *Faith literacies matter: Reflecting on the role of faith as a force for learning, socialisation and personal and collective identification in young people lives in a global city.* **Vally Lytra**, Department of Educational Studies, Goldsmiths, University of London. Presented by Mònica Pereña.
- 12:30 Roundtable discussion, conducted by **Mercè Solé**, Secretary of Linguapax. *Languages and spiritual traditions in Barcelona.* With the participation of **Mustapha Aoulad Sellam**, **Jorge Burdman**, **Montse Castellà** and **Gagandeep Singh Khalsa**.
- 13:30 Wrapping up (23 and 24 conference days). **Alícia Fuentes-Calle**.
- 13:45 Closing.

Simultaneous interpretation in English and Catalan at all sessions. Registration is free:
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