

Closed Workshop: 30 Years of Talk: Research into Discourse Across Lifespan

Date: Tuesday 23 July 2019, 10:00-17:00

Venue: Yasuko Hiraoka Myer Room, Level 1, Sidney Myer Asia Centre
The University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus [\[MAP\]](#)

Researchers and research students are invited to join the workshop on longitudinal studies of individuals' discourse. In this workshop, six researchers from the collaborative *30 Years of Talk* project (ARCDP170102598) will present and discuss their work-in-progress, joined by two eminent sociolinguists in the field of language variation and change as discussants.

This workshop follows public lectures on the afternoon of Monday 22 July 2019, where the two invited speakers will speak on language and identity across lifespan(s). The *30 Years of Talk* project team will also give a short presentation on their project. This will provide a unique opportunity for researchers to engage with an as yet underexplored aspect of sociolinguistics — shifts and changes in language at the discourse level over lifespans. The lectures and workshop will also be of interest to those who are working in the field of Japanese linguistics.

30 YEARS OF TALK PROJECT TEAM

Professor Kaori Okano (La Trobe University)
Dr Shimako Iwasaki (Monash University)
Dr Claire Maree (University of Melbourne)
Dr Ikuko Nakane (University of Melbourne)
Associate Professor Chie Takagi (Osaka University)
Dr Lidia Tanaka (La Trobe University)

INVITED SPEAKERS/DISCUSSANTS

Professor Penelope Eckert (Stanford University)



Penelope Eckert is the Albert Ray Lang Professor of Linguistics and Anthropology at Stanford University. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and past President of the Linguistic Society of America. Her research, based on ethnographic studies of sociolinguistic variation among adolescents and preadolescents, examines the construction of meaning in stylistic practice. She is also centrally involved in Stanford's Voices of California project, examining English dialectology across California. She is author of *Jocks and Burnouts: Social Identity in the High School*, (Teachers College Press 1989), *Linguistic Variation as Social Practice* (Blackwell 2000), *Language and Gender* (with Sally McConnell-Ginet. Cambridge University Press 2003, Second Edition 2013), and *The Third Wave in variation studies: In search of meaning* (Cambridge University Press 2018).

Professor James Walker (La Trobe University)



James Walker is Professor of Language Diversity at La Trobe University (Melbourne). He received his PhD in Linguistics at the University of Ottawa (2000) and until 2017 was Professor of Linguistics at York University (Toronto). His research interests lie in sociolinguistic variation and change, especially in situations of language contact. He has conducted research on varieties of English in Canada, Australia and the Caribbean, as well as Sango (Central African Republic), Swedish and Brazilian Portuguese.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The *30 Years of Talk* project is a longitudinal project which covers 30 years of ethnographic interviews and data on the language of working class women in Kobe, Japan. The project aims to:

- Identify shifts and changes in the language of working-class women from Kobe experienced over the period of 30 years
- Explore and explain these shifts and changes
- Address the following questions:
 - How regionality intersects with discourse, language and identity
 - How social mobility intersects with discourse, language and identity
 - How individuals project, negotiate and narrate their multi-dimensional 'selves' in long-time discursive relationships
- Contribute to language variation research through a real time longitudinal panel study of the same group of people
- Contribute to Japanese language research: insights into the relationship between regionality, social mobility and discursive identities

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Up to 10 places are available to researchers working in the following fields: language variation and change, language and identity, discourse analysis and pragmatics, Japanese language and identity, language and gender. Participants in the closed workshop will give a 10-minute talk/presentation on their work.

To reserve a place in the closed workshop, please contact cmaree@unimelb.edu.au with:

- current affiliation
- a brief bio
- a list of your relevant research projects/interests
- a description of how your research fits with the aims of the workshop
- a 200-250 word abstract for your presentation

There is no registration fee, and lunch is provided. Unfortunately, no funding support is available. Visa applications are the responsibility of the applicant.

Application closes on 1 May 2019.