

Centre for Indigenous Health Equity Research

SEMINAR SERIES

Communication, Health, and Social and
Cultural Well-Being



Seminar 20: In with the new: how technological advances affect minority languages of New Guinea and Amazonia

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Location

Room3.06, CQUniversity Cairns Campus
Corner Abbott Street and Shields Street
Or via [Zoom](#)

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Date and Time

Wednesday 19 October 2022

3:00pm – 5:00pm Qld time
Light refreshments provided

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Abstract

Across indigenous minorities world-wide, the new ways of communication and communicative practices — including various social media platforms, mobile phones, and WhatsApp — are on the rise. A high uptake of social media platforms, especially Facebook, has been signalled for numerous indigenous groups across the loci of linguistic diversity, including Papua New Guinea, Amazonia, and the First Nations of Australia. New technological developments and new interaction patterns within virtual spaces have resulted in linguistic innovations. New ways of saying things can be seen as an opportunity to enhance the vitality and the utility of minority languages in the new contexts, as many try and maintain their languages as 'in-group' communication devices within the vast web of social media platforms.

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