



COURSE DATASHEET

Semester:	2021/22/1
Course:	Language variation and change
Code:	PEDITNY006
Responsible department:	
Department code:	DITNY
Responsible instructor:	Prof. Dr. István Csernicsekó

Course objectives:

The course provides advanced students with an opportunity to go into depth in a number of discrete areas of language variation and change, building on prior knowledge of these areas, but also introducing new areas which are less well known. The focus is on language and dialect contact and speech community type. The module is intended to support students preparing dissertation proposals in Language Variation and Change.

Course content:

What is language? Language and dialect. Language or dialect?
Languages in the world. Personal, group and ethnic identity. The types of dialects. Standard vs. non-standard varieties. Attitudes towards other varieties. National language cases.
Types of speech communities. Geographical variation of languages and language contact. Its Variation Free or Structured? The linguistic variable. Indicators, markers and stereotypes.
Social, Internal, Cognitive and Cultural Factors in Language Variation and Change. How does language change? Motivation of language change. Progress of Linguistic Change. Apparent Time. Social Dimensions of Variation. Style Effects. Social Class or Social Network Effects. Gender Effects. Observing variation and change.

Requirements, evaluation and grading:

Report (three-scale): Essay, Up to 800 words (100%)

Required and recommended readings:

Chambers, Jack K. – Peter Trudgill – Natalie Schilling-Estes (eds.) 2004. The handbook of language variation and change. Malden, MA: Blackwell. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/book/10.1002/9780470756591>
Labov, William 1963. The Social Motivation of a Sound Change. *Word* 19: 273–309.
http://danielezrajohnson.com/labov_1963.pdf
Labov, William 1975. A nyelvi változás mechanizmusairól. In: Pap Mária és Szépe György szerk. *Társadalom és nyelv. Szociolingvisztikai írások*, 255–285. Budapest: Gondolat.
Sándor Klára 2014. *Határtalan nyelv*. 2., 5., 9., 10. és 11. fejezet. Bicske: Szak Kiadó.



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Tagliamonte, Sali A. 2016. Making Waves. The Story of Variationist Sociolinguistics. Blackwell.
Weinreich, Uriel – Labov, William – Herzog, Marvin 1968. Empirical foundations for a theory of language change. In: W. Lehmann – Y. Malkiel eds. Directions for Historical Linguistics, 95–195. Austin: University of Texas Press. http://danielezrajohnson.com/weinreich_et_al_1968.pdf