

Chair Ethnolinguistic vitality and diversity in the world

Due to the corona crisis, all the activities with regard to the CIPL/CIPSH Chair had to be postponed for some time. Some of the planned activities:

The Chair provides a comprehensive training programme for a broad range of audiences. It will strengthen the existing programmes in the host institution and extend them to the partner institutions.

Leiden University BA Linguistics provides an English medium training in language description and documentation in their track Language Documentation and Description. In addition, Leiden offers a two-year Research Master Language Diversity with the same specialization option.

All programs offer the possibility of linguistic field research in Africa, Americas, Asia.

Leiden University offers an annual summer school of two weeks in July with a programme on Language Description.

Due to the installation of the chair, the existing activities will be extended with a programme on language documentation as a continuation of the earlier series of the Leiden-London-Lyon summer schools on endangered languages. The chair provides a postgraduate teaching programme, short-term training, research projects, visiting professorships, scholarships and institutional development.

The Chair will continue and institutionalise its series of annual summer schools on language documentation in Africa, initiated and directed by Felix Ameka.

It will also contribute to the creation of hubs and maintenance of documentation training schools in other hot-spots of endangered languages such as Indonesia, China, Philippines and Siberia supported by ELDP.

The Chair will develop an online platform with numerous short term SPOCS on issues in language description and documentation, sociolinguistics, especially language policy and multilingualism. These will be built on the SPOC The Art of Writing Grammar developed by Prof. Dr. Maarten Mous (Leiden). These will be offered to various universities in the world as the initial one ran in Senegal and Malawi. The Chair will strengthen LUCL's and partner's research on Language description and documentation and its extensive PhD training in Language Description and Documentation.

The Chair will welcome researchers at all levels for short term visits and will actively seek support for this programme from internal and external sources.

In 2021 (August), the 10th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL10) will be held at Leiden University hosted by the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics and co-organised by Maarten Mous and Felix Ameka, the President of WOCAL. The Chair will organise a one-day workshop in association with WOCAL10 on language documentation in multilingual Africa.

In 2022, with the support of CIPL, the Chair is hoping to organise a workshop on indigenous languages of South America in Brazil to discuss interdisciplinary methods of language and culture documentation in that part of the world.

In 2023, CIPL will hold its 21st International Congress of Linguists. The Chair will organise panels on ethnolinguistic vitality and language policies as an integral part of the conference.

Partner institutions:

- Leiden University Centre for Linguistics (LUCL) & LUCL Languages and Cultures of Africa
- SOAS, University of London
- ILCAA, Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
- Universidade Federal do Pará, Pró-Reitora de Relações Internacionais/PROINTER
- Fryske Akademy, the Netherlands
- University of Ghana, School of Languages
- University of Texas at Austin, Department of Linguistics