



CANBERRA REGION LANGUAGES FORUM UPDATE

October 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. ANU Language Teaching Forum

- Monday 24 October 4.15 - 5pm
- Online via Zoom

Irwin Compiegne will present “YouTube as a language learning and teaching platform”

Free and open to all language teachers and researchers from the ANU as well as teachers in mainstream and community language schools in the Canberra region. For more details and the Zoom link, contact Wesley.Lim@anu.edu.au

2. Mother Tongue Multilingual Poetry

- Monday 24 October 7pm – 9pm
- Smith's Alternative, Alinga St, Canberra City
- Cost \$10/\$5

Mother Tongue Multilingual Poetry celebrates cultures, history and identities from Australia and around the globe. All welcome. Just come and listen or share a poem in another language during the open mic segments

Open mic presenters have 4 minutes to read or recite a poem, plus any introduction or translation into English. All styles from traditional forms through to contemporary slam poetry are welcome. It can be an original poem you wrote or a piece by another poet.

For more information see <https://www.facebook.com/mothertonguemmic> or email mothertonguemmic@gmail.com

3. Canberra Academy of Languages (CAL) Information Evening

- 6pm Tuesday 25 October
- Online via Google Meet

For student in the ACT interested in studying a language at Year 11 and 12 that is not available at their school or college. Expressions of interest invited for senior secondary studies in Arabic, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Tamil. Early entry for year 9 and 10 students possible.

Discussion will include information on learning languages in Years 11-12; receiving credit for languages studies towards the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate and towards the ATAR; how CAL's programs are set up; how to find current information through our online systems about programs throughout the year; and what to do if planning to commence with us in 2023.

To receive a link for the meeting, interested participants should email info@cal.act.edu.au.

For more details visit <https://www.cal.act.edu.au/news.htm>

4. Book Launch: *Speaking and Being: How Language Binds and Frees Us*

- Thursday 27 October 6pm-7pm
- Gould Building, 116 Daley Road, Acton, 2601
- Free but registration needed

The ANU Centre for European Studies invites you to join them for the launch and discussion of the English translation of Kübra Gümüſay's bestselling book, *Speaking and Being*. The author will join virtually for an interview and Q&A with the audience.

In this book, Kübra Gümüſay explores how language shapes our thinking and determines our politics.

Booking and more information at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/book-launch-speaking-and-being-by-kubra-qumusay-tickets-443791752077>

5. Tones and Hanzi: Pedagogy of modern Chinese Language Education

Three roundtables addressing two of the most challenging teaching and learning points of Chinese as a foreign language: tones and characters

- Teaching Tones Monday 7 November 9am-12.30pm
- Teaching Hanzi: Wednesday 9 November 9am-4.30pm
- An e-Hanzi class: Monday 14 November 9.30am-12.30pm
- In person at ANU or online via Zoom. Free but registration essential

For more information <https://chl.anu.edu.au/news-events/events/2594/tones-and-hanzi-%E6%B1%89%E5%AD%97-pedagogy-modern-chinese-language-education> or email: yanyin.zhang@anu.edu.au

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6. Sharing the Joy of Languages competition

The ACT Bilingual Education Alliance reports a great response to this competition, which was open to all students from preschool to Year 12 in the ACT area from April 2022 to 1 September.

Students submitted a variety of lively video entries sharing stories, games and sports in 16 different languages in addition to English: Estonian, French, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, Sanskrit, Spanish, Telegu, Urdu and Vietnamese.

Details of all the winners and shortlisted finalists can be seen at <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/news.html>

Many thanks to all those families and schools who encouraged students to take part and the ACT government for their funding support through a 2021-22 Participation (Multicultural) Grant.

7. Multilingualism Bill

The Multiculturalism Bill was introduced in the ACT Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 11 October. It contains a Charter for Multiculturalism, enshrines in law the Ministerial Advisory Council for Multiculturalism and provides ways for the ACT Government to report on progress in making Canberra a welcoming and inclusive city.

“The right to use, preserve and share your language ... regardless of your background and experiences, and how you have come to be in the ACT” is included in the Charter

A copy of the Bill can be seen at https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/b/db_66742/

8. Vale Professor Carol Hayes

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of a dear colleague at the ANU, Professor Carol Hayes. Here is part of a tribute to her life and work posted by the ANU Japan Institute on 19 October 2022

Carol's impact in the world of Japanese language teaching in Australia is nothing short of extraordinary. She will always be recognised for her creative education design, charismatic teaching and innovative use of technology.

Her expertise lay in Japanese Language and Cultural & Literary Studies, with a focus on cultural production (including literature, film, popular culture and craft) and language teaching methodologies and practice.

Carol's research—which will remain timeless and relevant—also includes Japanese language teaching methodologies and practice, particularly e-Teaching and e-Learning with a focus on flexible, online learning, student motivation and Japanese language acquisition, and professional development for academic staff in the Learning and Teaching space.

FEEDBACK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE UPDATES WELCOME

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