



CANBERRA REGION LANGUAGES FORUM UPDATE

September 2021

CANBERRA CONNECTIONS

1. Sharing Languages and Cultures

Last few days for children and young people in the Canberra Region (preschool to Year 12) to enter this competition. Free to enter and cash prizes!

To enter, video a conversation (maximum length 2 minutes) with a family member or friend featuring a language other than English. This could be a language spoken at home, in the community or being learned at school.

- Closing date: Thursday 30 September 2021

For ideas for conversation starters, judging criteria and more details:

<https://actbilingual.weebly.com/news.html>

2. Celebration of Languages

- Saturday 16 October 10.30am -3.30pm
- Free and online via Zoom

A day to celebrate and find out more about some of the many languages spoken, heard and seen in the ACT.

Have you ever wondered what a career in interpreting and translating actually entails? Maybe you've encountered poems and writing in other languages and wanted to find out more... From a discussion about Aboriginal languages to exploring languages and scripts from around the world, six different panels featuring over 20 presenters will share their perspectives on our multilingual city. You can choose to attend one session or make a day of it. Each panel session is 30 minutes long and will have its own zoom link so you have the option to continue discussion with panel members after the formal session wraps up.

To register and for more information: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebration-of-languages-tickets-179047364487>

Organised by the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance with support from CMCF (Canberra Multicultural Community Forum Inc) and an ACT Government Participation (Multicultural) Grant 2021

3. Advocating Language: Global Citizenship & Multilingual Skills

- Wednesday 29 September 2021 5pm – 6.30 pm AEST
- Free and online via Zoom

Experts share their perspectives on the importance and impact of Japanese (and other) language education in universities and beyond, as well as their thoughts on key graduate outcomes in our increasingly global world.

The chaired roundtable discussion will run for one hour followed by 30 minutes of Q&A from the floor. Zoom break-out rooms will be used if required by numbers.

Organised by the ANU School of Culture, History and Languages as part of the Japanese Studies Association of Australia (JSAA) 2021 Virtual Conference hosted by the University of Queensland 29 September to 1 October.

For more details and to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/advocating-language-global-citizenship-multilingual-skills-tickets-171628043097>

4. Hangeul and K-Pop: between ideograms and idols

- Thursday 7 October 6:30pm
- Online (Zoom webinar) with Q&A

To celebrate Hangeul Day on 9th October, Roald Maliangkay of the ANU will give an online talk about Hangeul and its contribution to the popularity of Korean culture, especially that of K-Pop. Organised by the Korean Cultural Centre, a number of Hangeul-themed gifts from Korea will be also be sent out to some lucky attendees!

Join the talk to find out what makes the alphabet so unique, hear a brief outline of the alphabet's history and the relationship between Hangeul and K-pop

Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KMvhRGLWSsuPsPmZ0hu_jq

For more information sejong@koreanculture.org.au / 02 8267 3400

5. Poetry on the Move Festival 2021 Pivots

- Monday 11 October - Sunday 31 October 2021

In response to COVID 19 the University of Canberra's annual Poetry on the Move Festival is relocating to an online virtual format this year. The theme is Working the Archives and will include readings, anthology launch, UC student reading and workshops by fellow poets.

For more details: <https://www.poetryonthemove.net/>

OTHER TALKS AND EVENTS

6. The importance of learning Asian languages.

A panel discussion exploring some of the current issues faced at all levels of education from Primary and Secondary through to tertiary closures and teacher education. Speakers also explored strategies and ideas for advocating for support and resources at a National Level and responded to questions from the audience.

Organised by the Asia Institute at The University of Melbourne on Thursday 23 September, a recording of the discussion is available at

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=546923806565346&ref=watch_permalink

7. Indigenous Languages in Ecuador and New Zealand

- Wednesday 29 September 8am AEST
- Free and online via Zoom but registration required

Organised by the Embassy of Ecuador in Australia, University of Waikato in New Zealand, and Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar in Ecuador, this webinar brings together experts on indigenous peoples in Ecuador and New Zealand to share with you their expertise and experiences of these two countries of promoting and preserving indigenous languages and facilitating the sharing of knowledge and good practices.

For more information and to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/indigenous-languages-in-ecuador-and-new-zealand-tickets-175234841127>

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<https://canberralanguages.blogspot.com/p/forum-updates.html>