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Workshop on EXPLORING PAST HUMAN CONTACTS: URALIC AND BEYOND

This workshop brings together researchers working on language contact, cultural transmission, and related phenomena, with a particular focus on the Uralic languages. It aims to encourage open discussion across disciplinary and methodological boundaries.



[Arcanum](#) lobby and A1 12 (1st floor, Arcanuminkuja 1, Turku)/ Zoom



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PROGRAM:

2.6. Tuesday 9.30 - 16.00

Computational methods to identify (linguistic) similarities: Evolutionary linguistics & NLP

Nico Neureiter (ETH Zürich)

Matías Guzmán Naranjo (University of Bergen)

Peter Ranacher (University of Turku/ University of Zürich)

Outi Vesakoski (University of Turku)

Veronika Laippala (University of Turku)

Tuukka Törö (University of Helsinki)

3.6. Wednesday 9.15 - 15.00

Case studies on Uralic contacts

Rasmus Bjørn (University of Copenhagen)

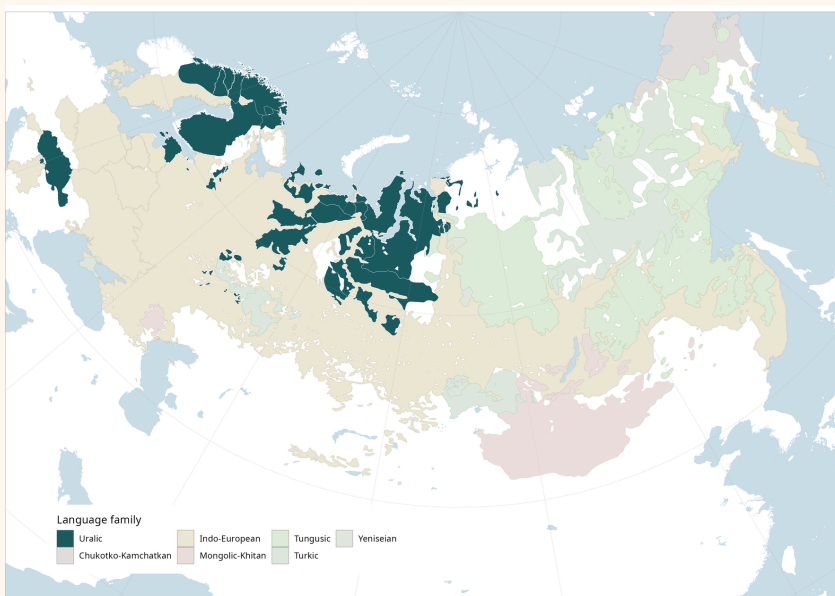
Silja-Maija Spets (University of Turku)

Terhi Honkola (University of Turku)

Idaliia Fedotova (University of Eastern Finland)

Janne Saarikivi (University of Helsinki)

Tatiana Kachkovskaia (University of Turku)



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Program:

2.6. Tuesday / [Zoom](#)

9.30 - 10.15 Coffee served (Arcanum lobby)

**Part 1. Computational methods to identify (linguistic) contact areas:
Evolutionary linguistics approaches and NLP (Arcanum A112)**

10.15 - 10.30 Opening and orientating words

10.30 - 11.10 Nico Neureiter (ETH Zürich): **sBayes: Clustering in the Presence of Confounders Reveals Linguistic Areas**

11.10 - 11.50 Matías Guzmán Naranjo (University of Bergen): **Bayesian methods for detecting correlated diffusion of linguistic features in language contact scenarios**

11.50 - 12.30 Peter Ranacher (University of Turku/ University of Zürich): **The Role of Geography in Tracing Language Contact**

12.30 - 13.30 Break

13.30 - 14.10 Outi Vesakoski (University of Turku): **Model-based clustering analyses revealing linguistic contacts?**

14.10 - 14.50 Tuukka Törö (University of Helsinki): **Novel Approaches to Investigating Linguistic Diversity Using Speech Embeddings**

14.50 - 15.30 Veronika Laippala (University of Turku): **Towards analysing linguistic diversity in massively multilingual web-scale registers**

15.30 - 16.00 Closing words and discussion

3.6. Wednesday / [Zoom](#)

Part 2. Case studies in identifying Uralic contacts (Arcanum A112)

9.15 - 9.20 Opening and orientating words

9.20 - 10.00 Terhi Honkola (University of Turku): **Contact influences in kinship terms of Uralic languages**

10.00 - 10.40 Rasmus Bjørn (University of Copenhagen): **Uralic connected - Triangulating Bronze Age Eurasia**

10.40 - 11.20 Silja-Maija Spets (University of Turku): **Language contacts in Volga area**

11.20 - 12.30 Break

12.30 - 13.10 Idaliia Fedotova (University of Eastern Finland): **Language contact and areal convergence in Western Siberia**

13.10 - 13.50 Tatiana Kachkovskaia (University of Turku): **Inferring linguistic contact areas in Northern Eurasia: sBayes and model-based clustering analyses**

13.50 - 14.30 Janne Saarikivi: TBA

14.30 - 15.00 Closing words and discussion

