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# Language, Landscape, and Behaviour: Ecological and Anthropological Perspectives

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SDU Campus Odense, Meeting Room Gennemsgiten

While language can be described as a symbolic system, or as a tool for communication, it is at the same time irreducibly emplaced (i.e., bound to time and place) and interwoven in human behaviour. This research seminar explores ecological and anthropological aspects of human languaging via special attention to Nahuatl (an Uto-Aztecan language spoken in Mexico) and Wik-Mungkan (spoken in Queensland, Australia).

The seminar features two lectures by Magnus Pharao Hansen (Copenhagen University) and Laurits Stapput Knudsen (University of Newcastle, Australia). After the seminar (15.00-16.00), there will be a round-table conversation where everyone interested is welcome to participate.

## Program

- 13.15-13.20: Welcome by Sune Vork Steffensen (SDU)
- 13.20-14.00: Magnus Pharao Hansen (Copenhagen University): "The Role of the Natural Environment in the Ecology of Language: Perspectives from the Nahuatl Space Project"
- 14.00-14.45: Laurits Stapput Knudsen (University of Newcastle, Australia): "Anchoring semantics in the landscape: Environmental and contextual influences on spatial reference in Wik-Mungkan"
- 14.45-15.00: Break
- 15.00-16.00: What is the value of ecological and anthropological perspectives in the study of language, landscape and behaviour: a round-table conversation

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The event is organized by the Centre for Human Interactivity, Department of Culture and Language.