



Teach Mob – Visiting Professors Academic year 2017/2018

1st Term
COURSE TITLE Multilingualism, mobility and inclusion in Europe
Scientific area Linguistics
Department of Humanities
Language used to teach English
Teaching Commitment: 36 hours
Course summary The linguistic panorama of Europe has always been characterized by multilingualism, which is a complex phenomenon: in fact, multilingualism can be acquired in the family by children spontaneously (the so-called “heritage languages”, a term worth a discussion) as well as in more structured learning processes later in life, for example in formal education. The course aims to present the current debate and reflections made by scholars coming from different disciplines about the challenges of maintaining, promoting and managing multilingualism in the continent nowadays, with a special focus on the European Union. Different strategies for the management of multilingualism will be illustrated, along with their advantages and disadvantages: global English, regional <i>linguas francas</i> , intercomprehension, Esperanto, machine translation. In fact, multilingualism is strongly connected with mobility (broadly intended as cross-border movement, both physical and virtual) as a driving force that put languages and their speakers in contact in old and new forms. New discourses are raised, both in the political space, as well as in intercultural communication, with all their consequences.
Learning objectives Acquisition of a solid knowledge of the facets of multilingualism as a complex phenomenon; Analysis and discussion of the common strategies in managing multilingualism; Analysis of the trade-off model of mobility and inclusion in maintaining language diversity Case study analyses coming from the scholarly literature of complex multilingual situations Interdisciplinary competence of the various aspects connected to the management of multilingualism, addressing not only linguistics but also political science, law and economics Orientation in the current literature on the topic of mobility and multilingualism
Lab activities Presentation of single case studies by the students, in small groups, under supervised peer-reviewing, based on the model of scientific conferences Students’ poster festival, learning to present research ideas in a modern way, with a prize on the best three posters, made by the public.
Other activities besides the course: i.e. seminars and conferences addressed to PhD students and

research fellows, dissemination conferences

Seminars and conferences on specific topics for PhD students and young research fellows, in agreement with the colleagues in charge of the research programmes

Visiting Professor Profile

The visiting professor should have an international profile both in research and teaching. In particular, s/he should have solid experience in the problems related to the management of multilingualism, language policy and planning with a special focus on the new forms of mobility in the European context, which comprise multilingual strategies alternative to English as a Lingua Franca.

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