Fordham University's Department of Modern Language and Literature Vocab Diversity Initiative 2.0 presents:

LINGUISTIC TERRORISM

ALL OUR Speakers



Dr. Laada Bilaniuk

Dr. Laada Bilaniuk (she/her) is currently a Professor at the University of Washington. She will discuss how the Ukrainian-Russian mixed language, Surzhyk, came into fruition, who speaks this language, and it's place in the modern world.

José Álvarez-Retamales



José Álvarez-Retamales (they/them) is a Doctoral Student (Phd) in the Department of Linguistics, who will be discussing their findings on mock languages, the discrimination these languages face, and how accents have shaped the Latinx identity.



Dr. Anna Bax

Dr. Anna Bax is currently an Assistant Professor in the Linguistics Department at Cal State University, Long Beach. Dr. Bax will discuss how the Tu'un Savi languages have resisted colonialism for 500+ years.

ABOUT OUR WORKSHOP

This roundtable is inspired by Gloria Anzadúla's idea of linguistic terrorism in Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza which argues against the hegemony of "official languages" against hybrid languages, like Chicano Spanish, and those who speak them. Linguistic terrorism suppresses cultural identity and expression and reifies "correct" languages.

This roundtable will take place on Wednesday, April 27th from 2:30 -3:45pm via Zoom



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