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EUTOPIA Student Innovation Challenge: Autumn School Multilingualism

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The next installment of the EUTOPIA Student Innovation Challenge is here! From 17 until 21 of November, 80 students from across our alliance will unite in Brussels to tackle challenges multilingualism poses in our contemporary societies. Join the challenge at Vrije Universiteit Brussel!

Some challenges students will focus on during this week include:

- What challenges do highly multilingual societies face? Which innovations emerge in such diverse societies?
- How do multilingual societies cater to the communicative needs of their population?
- Which innovative approaches have been developed in multilingual societies to address the challenges of communicative diversity?
- How can language policy and planning remain manageable in a highly diversified linguistic setting?
- How do speakers themselves navigate their multilingual environment?
- How do multilingual societies stimulate innovative cultural production in e.g. literature, music, film?
- What challenges do artists face in multilingual societies? How do they find their public?
- How does cultural policy address multilingual realities?
- In a multilingual society, what separates people, and what creates cohesion?



Programme

Programme: general concept

The autumn school combines lectures and interactive seminars led by academics from the EUTOPIA partner universities on the one hand, and discussion formats and problem-solving with stakeholders on the other

AM

Plenary session

Lunch

Offered by VUB

PM

Guided reflection
session + break-
out group
sessions

Programme day to day

	Monday 17	Tuesday 18			Wednesday 19			Thursday 20	Friday 21
9:00		9:00-11:00 <i>Caitlin Vandertop (VUB):</i> “A World of Statues”: Un/writing the Colonial City			9:00-10:15 <i>Marcella Menegale (UNIVE) :</i> Global challenges in language learning and teaching: multilingualism and beyond.			Off-campus day Activities in Brussels <i>Exact schedule tbc</i> <i>Panel discussion</i> Addressing challenges of multilingualism in the cultural sector and beyond Involved stakeholders include: - KBR Brussels: - De Taalsector - Klarafestiival - independent writer - freelance language consultant	9:00-11:00 <i>Jo Angouri (UW):</i> Multilingualism Research: Future Directions
10:00									11:00-13:00 <i>Töhötöm Arpad Szabo (BBU):</i> Ethnic groups, nationalities and nation building: lessons from Transylvania
11:00		12:30 – 14:00 Registration, sandwich lunch	11:45-13:00 <i>Agnes Pisanski Peterlin (UL)</i> Exploring self-translation in multilingual settings						
12:00	13:00-14:30 lunch					13:00-14:30 lunch			13:00-14:30 lunch
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14:00	Welcome session	14:30-15:00 Guided reflection session			14:30-15:00 Guided reflection session			Off-campus activities in Brussels: <i>Exact schedule tbc</i>	14:00-16:00 Student presentations
15:00	15:00 – 17:00 <i>Kim Wallmach (Stellenbosch University):</i> Storytelling for cohesion in a multilingual society: Navigating the ‘rainbow nation'	15:00 – 18:00 Interactive sessions 3 groups:			15:00 – 18:00 Interactive sessions 3 groups:				Farewell
16:00		<i>Kim Wallmach (SU):</i> How does language play out in a student’s journey from registration to graduation?	<i>Agnes Pisanski Peterlin (UL):</i> Multi-lingualism, translation and English as a lingua franca?	<i>Beatrijs Wille (VUB)</i> Language Portraits: Exploring Multi-lingualism with a Sign Language	<i>Marcella Menegale (UNIVE):</i> Speak Your World! Raise awareness of multilingual identity in a multilingual world.	<i>Töhötöm Arpad Szabo (BBU):</i> (Dis)advantages of having ethnic groups in a (nation) state	<i>Claire Huguet (CY):</i> Code-switching and creativity		
17:00									

Recommendations for your stay in Brussels

The Student Innovation Challenge at VUB will take place on VUB's campus Etterbeek (*Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussels*), we recommend staying in the neighbourhood.

Recommended hotels:

- VUB Partnership with Adagio hotels (and possible discounts): see [here](#)
- Other VUB recommendations:
 - [Hotel Barsey by Warwick](#)
 - [Thon Hotel Bristol Stephanie](#)
 - [Ibis Styles Hotel Avenue Louise](#)
 - [NH Stephanie Brussels](#)
 - [Hygge Hotel](#)
 - JAM Hotel: see [here](#)
 - [Hotel Chambord](#)