

PILL 6: Personal Identity through a Language Lens

Preliminary Conference Programme

University of Łódź, Poland 24–26 September 2026

DAY 1 — Thursday, 24 September

Time	Session
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11:00– 11:15	Opening Ceremony
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11:15– 13:15	Panel 1: Migration, Diaspora, and Transnational Belonging
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Linda Bäckman (*in-person*) — Linguistic identities in onward migration from Sweden to Finland

Heiko F. Marten (*in-person*) — Identity Constructions among Inhabitants of Latvia with a German Background

Zlatoslava Savych (*online*) — Negotiating the Self in Old-Age Care: Discursive Identity Constructions among Ukrainian Migrant Workers

Sayeri Biswas (*online*) — In Search of a Home: Language and Identity in Jhumpa Lahiri's 'In Other Words'

13:15– 14:15	Lunch Break
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14:15– 15:15	Plenary Lecture: Agnieszka Stępkowska (<i>in-person</i>) — Challenges and dilemmas in identity construction
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15:15– 15:45	Coffee Break
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15:45– 17:45	Panel 2: Bilingualism, Translanguaging, and the Multilingual Self
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Irene Buttazzi; Martina Wiltschko (*in-person*) — Rethinking the I AM Task: Topic Modelling and Sentiment Analysis as Tools for Investigating Fluid Identity Across Languages

Irene Buttazzi; David del Rosario-Gilabert; Vittoria Acciai (*in-person*) — One Body, Multiple Selves: Fluid Identity, Body Image and Self-Perception Across Languages in Italian–Spanish Bilinguals

Time	Session
	Khashayar Ramezanpoor (<i>in-person</i>) — Translanguaging and identity of international students in a Hungarian university context
	Zhe "Gabriel" Yang (<i>online</i>) — Standard Mandarin, Dialect and Identity in Secondary Schools in Urban Chongqing

DAY 2 — Friday, 25 September

Time	Session
10:00–11:00	Plenary Lecture: Michael Bamberg (<i>in-person</i>) — <i>Identity, Sense of Self, and Answering the Who-Am-I Question — in the Face of the Language Interface</i>
11:00–11:30	Coffee Break

Time	Track A	Track B
11:30–13:30	Panel 3: Theorizing Identity: Discourse, Argumentation, and Political Language	Panel 4: Academic, Professional, and Educational Identity
	Martin Hinton; Weronika Olkowska (<i>in-person</i>) — I am whom I trust: Arguments from Authority as Expressions of Identity	Thomas A. Williams (<i>in-person</i>) — Sites of contradiction and struggle: Identity construction in EFL–PE teachers
	Patrick Wolf-Farré (<i>in-person</i>) — Bridging the gap: 'Societal identity clusters' in spoken discourse	Donghao Ouyang (<i>in-person</i>) — The small stories of 'that liu zi': Other- and self-identity among Chinese international students in the UK
	Wiktor Pskit (<i>in-person</i>) — Preserving religious identity through liturgical language: the case of the English in the Ordinariate missal	Muhammad Arinal Rahman (<i>in-person</i>) — Crossing academic systems: Identity dilemmas of Indonesian doctoral writers in Hungarian EMI programs
	Kaley Frye (<i>online</i>) — Do You Hear What I Hear? A Socio-Semantic Analysis of Dog Whistle Expressions	Brian Hibbs (<i>online</i>) — Using Arts-Based Research to Investigate Transnational Pre-Service ESOL Teachers' Multicultural/Multilingual Funds of Knowledge and Identity

Time	Session
13:30–14:30	Lunch Break

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14:30– 16:30	Panel 5: Deaf Identity, Disability, and Crip Linguistics Magdalena Dunaj; Jadwiga Linde-Usiekniewicz (<i>in-person</i>) — Deaf Identities in the Making: Indexical Processes and the Interactional Production of Identity in Signed and Written Social Media Discourse Jadwiga Linde-Usiekniewicz; Magdalena Dunaj (<i>in-person</i>) — From disability through sign language people to crip linguistics: The role of language(s) and language rights in Deaf identities Rachael Gabriel (<i>online</i>) — The multimodal imperative in crip scholarship Kamila Ciepiela; Janusz Badio (<i>in-person</i>) — Continuous Yet Transformed: Negotiating the Continuity–Change Dilemma in Turner Syndrome Identity
16:30– 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00– 18:30	Panel 6: Persona, Performance, and Embodied Identity Narratives Steven Castro (<i>in-person</i>) — Narratives and identity constructions of a mixed-race persona in Fiji Danielle Cauchy Sagang Tajouo (<i>online</i>) — The identity construction of female bikutsi singers in Cameroon since 1900s Ewa Glapka (<i>in-person</i>) — Looking Back at the Male Gaze: A Discursive Study of Women's Voices in Social Media Discourse

DAY 3 — Saturday, 26 September

Time	Session
10:00– 11:00	Plenary Lecture: Martin Hinton (<i>in-person</i>) — <i>Identity Expression through Argumentative Discourse</i>
11:00– 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30– 13:00	Panel 7: War, Conflict, and National/Political Identity Oleksandra Hrebenshchykova (<i>in-person</i>) — Being Ukrainian = Speaking Ukrainian? Negotiating Identity in Wartime Ukraine

Time	Session
	Ahmed Saladin Mahrous (<i>in-person</i>) — Polarization and Identity-Construction in Everyday Twitter Discourse during the Gaza War
	Dagmara Banasiak-Antosiuk; Łukasz Wnuk (<i>in-person</i>) — Selected neological exponents of tensions within Polish national identity and their influence on Polish collective identity discourse
13:00– 13:15	Closing Ceremony
13:15– 14:15	Farewell Lunch
