
CULTURAL FOOTPRINT: STRATEGIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF EMERGING LANGUAGES

[Expolangues 2013](#) (Paris), Thursday 7th February 2013 from 15:45 to 17:45.



This conference proposes to discuss the concept of 'cultural footprint' and examines its political implications.

The notion of 'cultural footprint' appears as an analogy to 'ecological footprint', used since the 1990s to measure the impact of human action on natural resources and on ecosystems' capacity to regenerate necessary resources for continuity of life. Despite differences between the preservation of biological diversity or biodiversity, and cultural diversity, importing the idea of the "ecological footprint" to a cultural context also means reasserting the importance of culture (in all its different tangible and intangible senses) to sustainable human development.

In addition, it shall focus on tools to protect and promote cultural and linguistic diversity in Europe. With special attention to strategies to promote emerging and lesser protected languages like Aragonese, Basque, Breton, Catalan, Corsican, Gaelic, Galician, Macedonian, Occitan or Sardinian.

Special importance will be given to editorial strategies to promote the above mentioned languages and how to ensure language revival through literature.



Keynote Speakers and schedule:

15:45 - Welcome word

- Gunther Dauwen. Secretary General of the Centre Maurits Coppieters

16:15 - The case for a cultural footprint

- Paul Molac. Member of the French National Assembly.
- Jordi Baltà. Author of “Approaches to a cultural footprint” report edited by Centre Maurits Coppieters.

16:45 – Roundtable: Editors specialized in emerging and lesser protected languages

- Manuel Bragado. President of the Galician Association of Editors; Director of Edicións Xerais de Galicia.
- Carles Torner. Director of the Literary Programme of the Catalan Culture as a Guest of Honour of the Frankfurt Book Fair 2007; Member of the Association of writers in Catalan Language.
- Antonia Luciani. Editor of Arritti (bilingual French-Corsican journal).
- José Ignacio Lopez. Member of the Aragonese Council of Languages. Member of the Council of Aragonese language’s Associations. Member of the Circle of Aragonese Studies.

Practicalities

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Where: Expolangues 2013

Expolangues : Paris expo - Porte de Versailles - Pavillon 5.2 – Salle Buzz
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