Minority Language in Today's Global Society

October 23-24, 2009

Trace Foundation will host the third event in its *Minority Language in Today's Global Society* lecture series, entitled *Vitality and Viability of Minority Languages.* While many minority language communities recognize the need to maintain their languages, what are some tools available to help them gauge the relative health of their languages? What policies and practices might be appropriate for various communities attempting to maintain their languages? This event will bring together experts from diverse backgrounds to examine assessment of language vitality, policies to support viability, and practices to ensure a flourishing future for minority languages, with a special focus on the Tibetan language case.

Speakers

Joshua A. Fishman, Distinguished University Research Professor of Social Sciences, Emeritus, Yeshiva University
Elliot Sperling, Professor, Department of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University
Trowo Gyaltsen, Senior Lecturer, Barkham Nationalities Normal School, Sichuan Province
Arienne Dwyer, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Kansas University
Jaye Trabu, Professor and Vice-Dean, Nationalities Normal College, Qinghai Normal University
Joseph Lo Bianco, Professor and Chair, Language and Literacy Education, Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne

Trace Foundation Lecture Series

Vitality and Viability of Minority Languages

Friday, October 23rd, 2009
Keynote: Dr. Joshua Fishman in Conversation with Professor Elliot Sperling
Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m., followed by a reception

Saturday, October 24th, 2009
Presentations
Time: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Place: Trace Foundation & Latse Contemporary Tibetan Cultural Library
132 Perry Street, 2B, New York, NY 10014
Contact: events@trace.org or 212-367-7380
****Events are free and open to the public. Registration requested***. To register, please visit our website, or call or email us with your name, contact email, telephone, affiliation, and mailing address.

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