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VLACH LECTURES: HERITAGE AND RESILIENCE

DIVERGENCE AND ADVERGENCE IN MAINLAND AND INSULAR NORMAN

SUPERSTRATE INFLUENCE IN LANGUAGE CHANGE

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PROGRAMME

Divergence and Advergence in Mainland and Insular Norman: Superstrate influence in Language Change

King John of England's defeat by the French in 1204 led to the territorial fragmentation of the Duchy of Normandy. Henceforth, the Norman mainland, allied to France, and the Channel Islands, allied to England, would find themselves on different sides of an ever-widening linguistic gulf. Using original morphosyntactic and lexical data, my paper examines the linguistic contact that has occurred between Norman and its two typologically different superstrates (French and English) and explores how advergence with these superstrates has led Norman to diverge linguistically within these territories.



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16.00 WELCOME

Thede Kahl | Chair of the Commission Vanishing Language and Cultural Heritage, corresponding member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences

16.15–17.15 LECTURE

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17.15–17.45 DISCUSSION

17.45 SMALL RECEPTION