



Babylon Workshop

(organized by Babylon and the Network on Globalization in the Margins)

Contemporary Authenticities: Towards Complexity

31 October and 1 November 2013

Tilburg University

Following up on a very successful workshop in June 2012, Babylon organizes a sequel workshop addressing new forms of authenticity in an age of globalization and superdiversity. The central argument in the workshop is that forms of authenticity today need to be understood in terms of complexity rather than multiplicity, and thus demand a new and creative framework for addressing them.

Presenters during this workshop will offer case discussions from native communities in Alaska, minorities in China, cosplay communities on- and offline, dialect and 'traditions' in Brabant and Limburg (The Netherlands). Speakers will have generous slots so as to enable intensive dialogue and discussion.

The workshop is free and open to all. Please register before *October 23* through email to babylon@uvt.nl

PROGRAM

Thursday 31 October in C186 (Ruth First Room)

- 9:30-10:00 Registration and coffee
- 10:00-10:30 **Jan Blommaert** (Tilburg University):
Welcome and general introduction
- 10:30-12:00 **Hiroko Ikuta** (Alaska State Government):
The complexity of 'traditional' economic rights in Alaska
- 12:00-13:00 LUNCH
- 13:00-14:30 **Xuan Wang** (Maastricht University):
Getting ready for heritage tourism in Enshi, China
- 14.30-15: COFFEE
- 15:00-16:30: **Sanna Lehtonen** (Tilburg University):
On being yourself and several others in cosplay

Friday 1 November in room WZ 103

- 10:30-12:00 **Jos Swanenberg & Sjaak Kroon** (Tilburg University):
Diversity in language and culture as an agent in identification
- 12:00-13:00 LUNCH
- In room DZ 4**
- 13:00-14:30 **Leonie Cornips** (Maastricht University) & **Vincent de Rooij** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): *The center-periphery fractal in the construction of local identities: A plea for, and a case study of language culture*
- 14:30-15:00 Discussion and round-up