

## Seminar series of the Center for Research and Practice in Cultural Continuity

“Decolonizing approaches to studying history and linguistic-cultural heritage. Methods, tools, results and challenges”



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### *Endangered Languages in Sweden: the cases of Sami and Elfdalian*

There are nine living Sami languages, of which five are spoken in Sweden, where they acquired an official recognition as regional or minority languages in 2000. Nevertheless, all Sami languages are still considered endangered according to Fishman’s scale. Elfdalian, likewise an endangered variety, although considered by many linguists a separate language from Swedish, has not been recognised as a regional or minority language so far. Both Sami and Elfdalian are undergoing revitalisation processes. In my talk, I will account for the situation of these varieties, also by comparing these varieties with each other – which traits are common or different and how can these communities inspire each other or other communities speaking endangered languages.

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