



2026 Empowering Asian Language Speakers Symposium Program

Friday, 10 July 2026, 8:30 am – 4:45 pm
Sir Llew Edwards Building, Room 132, UQ St Lucia campus

Time	Session
8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 – 9:20 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks: Dr Kayoko Hashimoto (organiser) Prof Greg Hainge (Head, UQ School of Languages and Cultures) Prof Stephanie Gilbert (UQ HASS Associate Dean - Indigenous Engagement)
9:20 – 10:20 am (40 min. + 20 min. Q&A)	Keynote Speaker Chair: Kayoko Hashimoto (UQ) “A historical perspective on the current repackaging of Asia capability” by Dr Rebecca Cairns , Deakin University
10:25 – 11:55 am (20 min. + 10 min. Q&A)	Session 1: Languages and Diaspora Chair: Min Jung Jee (UQ)
(1) 10:25 – 10:55 am (2) 10:55 – 11:25 am (3) 11:25 – 11:55 am	(1) “Speaking <i>Uchinaaguchi</i> in Brazil: The Role of language in preserving Okinawan historical identity within the Japanese diaspora” by Dr Lucila Etsuko Gibo (independent researcher) (2) “From digital community to translocal heritage network: SayMin and the historicisation of Hokkien language revitalisation” by Pohling Tan, University of Massachusetts Amherst (USA) (3) “If I could go back in time, I would tell my mom to teach me Vietnamese”: Heritage language suppression and identity among mixed-heritage Vietnamese youth” by Thy Le, University of Auckland (NZ)
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch at the foyer
1:00 - 1:40 pm (30 min. + 10 min. Q&A)	Invited Speaker Chair: Kayoko Hashimoto (UQ) “Asia literacy and the mystery of the disappearing history” by A/Prof Patrick Jory , UQ School of Historical & Philosophical Inquiry
1:40-2:50 pm	Roundtable: Histories of Languages in QLD Chair: Min Jung Jee (UQ) Presenters/discussants: Japanese: Mari Butlin Kurita Korean: Jung Soon Kim Chinese: Grace Cao & Yang Yang Indonesian: Dr Halim Nataprawira



2:55 - 3:35 pm (30 min. + 10 min. Q&A)	Invited Speaker Chair: Kayoko Hashimoto (UQ) “Why (did I) learn Sanskrit?” by A/Prof Andrew Bowles , UQ School of Historical & Philosophical Inquiry
3:35 - 4:35 pm (20 min. + 10 min. Q&A)	Session 2: Languages and Classroom Chair: Wendy Jiang (UQ)
(4) 3:35 – 4:05 pm (5) 4:05 – 4:35 pm	(4) “Recent language change in spoken Mandarin: Implications for teaching practice” by Dr Angela Cook, UQ School of Languages and Cultures (5) “Embed language knowledge in everyday teaching practice – an autoethnographic study” by Wei Wei, Flinders University
4:35-4:45 PM	Closing remarks