

Lavender Languages & Linguistics

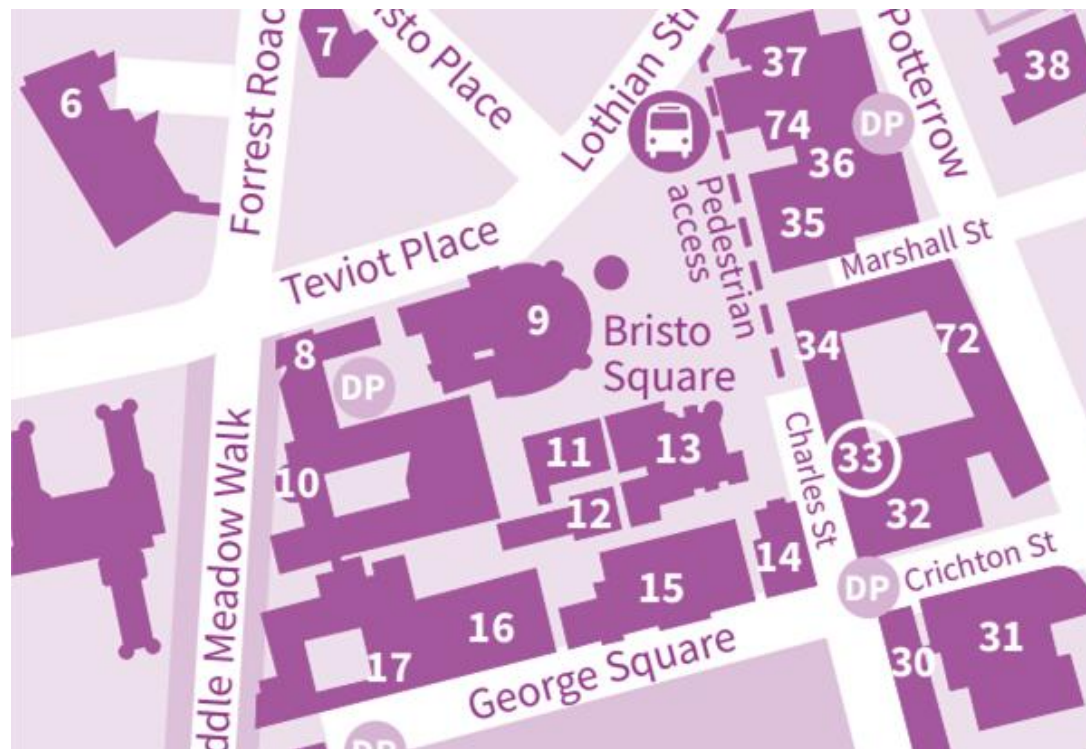
**32: University of Edinburgh
Queer (dis)belonging**

2-4 September 2026

Conference Programme, V1

Venues

- 7 GS: 7 George Square (building 15):
<https://www.accessable.co.uk/the-university-of-edinburgh/central-area/access-guides/george-square-07>
- G.07: Meadows Lecture Theatre, Old Medical School (buildings 8, 10):
<https://www.accessable.co.uk/the-university-of-edinburgh/central-area/access-guides/old-medical-school-doorway-4>
- Seminar 1, 2, 4 CM: Chrystal Macmillan Seminar Rooms (building 17):
<https://www.accessable.co.uk/the-university-of-edinburgh/central-area/access-guides/chrystal-macmillan-building>
- InSpace: Informatics (building 72):
<https://www.accessable.co.uk/the-university-of-edinburgh/central-area/access-guides/inspace>
- Namaste Kathmandu (next to building 6, on Forrest road):
<https://namastektm.co.uk/>



Wednesday 2nd September 2026

9.00-9.45	Conference registration, coffee, refreshments, 7GS Foyer			
9.50-10.00	Welcome to LavLang32, G.07 Meadows Lecture Theatre			
10:00-11:00	Keynote 1: Dr. Kevin Guyan - Prefer Not To Say (G.07)			
Room	G.07 Meadows Lecture Theatre	Seminar Room 1, CM	Seminar Room 2, CM	Seminar Room 4, CM
Session title	Panel session: In-Group Queer Languages Beyond the West	Queer Places and Spaces	Queer Voices	Queer Inclusion and Exclusion I
11:00-11:30	Queer Speech on the Malagasy Screen: Knou and the Mediation of Transgressive Femininity in Vola	The Linguistic Landscape of Transnational Queer Activism in Collage Art	"There's something about the way you look at me": Sexualised synthetic personas encode gendered power asymmetries through voice	Too Queer to Fit in: Gatekeeping and Intragroup Marginalization on LGBTQ+ Subreddits
11:30-12:00	Lubunca and the Infrastructures of Queer Subcultural Reproduction and Pedagogy in Turkey	Reading the Room: Environmental Coding and Queer Belonging	Gen Z bisexuals less invisible than misperceived: A gay voice study of a spectrum of sexual attractions.	Fostering queer belonging through the critique of straight people on social media
12:00-12:30	Reflections on the Politics of Secrecy and Visibility in Ulti	Locating Queer Politics in Leeds	Sexuality and gender presentation predict vowel production	From Biology to Kinship: Doing Family beyond Heteronormative Anthropocentrism.
12:30-13:00	Between Secrecy and Exposure: Hijra Farsi and the Shifting Boundaries of Khawaja Sira (Dis)Belonging in Pakistan	Sexual identity, lexical association, and the ideological marking of place in San Francisco	Queering the Voice: Phonetics of Sexual Orientation	'Out of the frying pan and into the fire' – exclusion, authenticity, and the imagined centre of online transgender communities
13:00-14:00	Lunch, 7GS Foyer			
Session title	Project Launch Session	Pronouns	Queer Nationalism	Queer Inclusion and Exclusion II
14:00-14:30	1. The Sound of Resistance: Sociolinguistics of Queer Nationhood in Poland, 2. LGBTQ+ Voices in Speech Data Collection and Technology Development,	Playful pronouns then and now: historical and current practices of explorative digital gender	"Now that I can die here, I wonder when I will be able to live here": Homonationalism as the gatekeeper of LGBTQ+ belonging in Israel	"I'm Every Woman": Mapping the conditions of a contested category

14:30-15:00	3. Do lesbians flirt differently with femme vs. masc presenting women?, 4. Quantifying “Chill” Affect: The Case of Bisexual Stoners, 5. Nonbinar/i/ ? Nonbinar/u/ ! Vowel Quality Changes in Gendered Contexts, 6. HIV Prevention, PrEP, and the conditions of belonging in Healthcare in the U.S. South	“He’s Here, He’s Not Queer”: The Indexical Potential of Pronoun Use on American Drag Reality Television	The time has come for you to lipsync for your life - Affective demands in rejections of application for asylum for queer refugees in Denmark	"They can't police where I piss": Trans people's resistance to the UK Supreme Court judgment on the definition of ‘woman’
15:00-15:30		Pronouns as Social Practice: Variability in Non-Binary Pronoun Use in Switzerland	Listening for Silence: Queer (Dis)Belonging Beyond Linguistic Visibility in the Anglophone Caribbean	LGBTQIA* – Usage, expansion and meaning of LGBT-based initialisms in German
15:30-16:00	Coffee break, 7GS Foyer			
16:00-17:00	Keynote 2: Prof. Erez Levon - Freedom to hate: Anti-gender discourse and the forging of fascist consensus (G.07)			
17.30-20:00	Welcome Reception (InSpace)			

Thursday 3rd September 2026

9.00-9.45	Coffee & refreshments, 7GS Foyer			
9.50-10.50	Keynote 3: Dr. Nikki Lane - The Love Language of Black Lesbians: Longing, Loss, and the Materiality of Black Lesbian Magazines in California's Bay Area (G.07)			
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Session title	Panel: The Trouble with Normal: Queer linguistics meets minoritised languages	Queering Identity	Queer Intimacies	Queering Multilingualism
11:00-11:30	When voice signals belonging: on auditory gaydar in Catalan	How to Do Things with Woofs: Examining the Use of Non-Human Vocalizations as a Genre of Paralanguage in the Queer Pup Play Kink Community	#grindrlife: Modulated Sociality, Narrated Intimacies, and Mediated Desires on Grindr	Queering the reclamation and revitalisation of Meänkieli in Sweden
11:30-12:00	Queer ethnopoetics in minoritised languages: an ethnographic case study on Galician rural LGBTIQ festivals	Sexuality as Interactional Achievement: Evidence from a Toronto Queer Oral History	Building biliteracy and identity through Grindr in Taipei: Getting laid and beyond...	"I am different, I am outside of this grammatical gender": linguistic practices of non-binary L1 and L2 French, Italian, and Spanish speakers for self-expression
12:00-12:30	Creating a space for queer conversations in Breton: The Queeromp podcast	Project Launch and lightning talks: 1. Role nouns in Dutch: Towards more inclusive linguistic practice, 2. Analyzing anti-trans legislation in the United States, 3. "A pathway to same-sex marriage": heteronormative argumentation and queer (dis)belonging in South Korea, 4. 'Kein(e) Pronomen': gender-neutral pronouns, or lack thereof, in German	Queering the Sexual Script: Intimacy, Heteropatriarchy, Sex and Power	Between linguistic identity and the prohibition of gender expression: the case of Québec French
12:30-13:00	A community-based approach to queer terminology provision in Irish		Stance and the enactment of intimacy in Sri Lanka	Multilingual queer speech communities and languaging practices among Latine/Latinx college-aged speakers in the U.S.
13:00-14:00	Lunch, 7GS Foyer			

Session title	Lightning paper session	Digital Queerness	Masculinities and Femininities	Queer Media
14:00-14:30	1. Conceptualising non-binary: a cognitive multimodal study of gender (self-)representation on YouTube,	Shifting Disability Narratives: Neuroqueering Reddit	Performative Males: The Making of a “Fake” Male Persona	“Accept that you are different! Don’t invite people to war!” Affective-discursive practices in the representation of marriage equality in Estonian media
14:30-15:00	2. Default Masculinity and the Erasure of Gender Multiplicity in State School Textbooks in Pakistan: A Socio-Cognitive Analysis, 3. Queer Masculinities: How Men Use Tribes on Grindr to Understand Their Masculinity,	‘Does anyone else find the use of “queer” problematic?’ Online LGBT+ identity and community construction across three languages	Queer Stylisation Beyond Visibility: Modelling Sajiao among Gay Men in Urban China	Temporal Governance and the Construction of Trans (Dis)Belonging in South Korean Media
15:00-15:30	4. Beyond the Straw Man: Redefining "Safe Space" Through Social Safety Theory and Queer Narratives, 5. They, dey, iel, elle: Towards a post-binary signifying economy, 6. Queering choirs: a collaborative exploration of trans+ vocality and flourishing in UK-based LGBT+ choirs	How a transmedicalist subreddit constructs a dysphoric identity by exploiting the varying construals of dysphoric as a property	From Plague to PrEP: Gay Gen X and the Meaning of Midlife	Multimodal constructions of transgender (dis)belonging in an American political talk show
15:30-16:00	Coffee break, 7GS Foyer			
16:00-17:00	Keynote 4: Dr. Stamatina Katsiveli - ‘But we who?’ The interactional making of queer (dis)belonging: From public discourse to psychotherapy (G.07)			
18:30-21:00	Conference dinner (Namaste Kathmandu)			

Friday 4th September 2026

9.00-9.45	Coffee & refreshments, 7GS Foyer			
9.50-10.50	Keynote 5: Dr. Eddie Ungless - Synthesising queerness: how AI represents queer identities (G.07)			
Room	G.07 Meadows Lecture Theatre	Seminar Room 1, CM	Seminar Room 2, CM	Seminar Room 4, CM
Session title	Seeking non-binary gender justice in Romance language education: Authority, legitimacy, and (dis)belonging	Religion and Queerness	Queer Migration	Queer Labels
11:00-11:30	Yes, but: non-binary students' linguistic self-reference across languages	"God made trans people": Resisting trans disbelonging through religio-political rhetoric	Out of Place, Yet Speaking: Affect, Normativity and Haitian Migrant Visibility across Media in Mexico	The Lexicalisation of Gay: Language, Normativity, and Queer Belonging in Chinese Sina Weibo 'Tree-Hole' Discourse
11:30-12:00	A guide to nonbinary Galician language: collaborative experiences in a sociolinguistically minoritized, stateless nation	Rainbow Beasts: Legitimizing Rightwing Christian Nationalist Queerphobic Governance in Project 2025	Languaging (Dis)Belonging: Queer Latinx Resistance, Fear, and Solidarity under Anti-LGBTQ+ and Anti-Immigrant Policies	#momtok : Labeling motherhood in hashtags on TikTok
12:00-12:30	We can change the language: Linguistic (r)evolution among nonbinary high school learners of French & Spanish	"We don't have beaches in our townships": Muhsin Hendricks, gay Islam and queer translanguaging	Languages of (Dis)Belonging: Chinese Gay Men Navigating Queer Identity Across Chinese, English, and Japanese	Queer FC? A cross-linguistic comparison of identity labels and inclusion-oriented lexis in amateur women and queer football clubs
12:30-13:00	Overcoming resistance to gender-inclusive language teaching: research-informed pathways for teachers in world language classrooms.	Conflicted Identities: Religious Gay Speakers' Use of Creaky Voice in Taiwan	Lost in Translation, Found in Language: Queer (Dis)Belonging among Japanese-English Multilingual Nonbinary Individuals	What's in a (trans) name? Indirect sociolinguistic profiling of personal names chosen by trans individuals in Spain
13:00-14:00	Lunch, 7GS Foyer			
Session title	Queer Transgression and Resistance	Queering Education and Academia	Queer slurs and reclamation	Queer Media
14:00-14:30	Transgressive Mouthings: Indexing Queerly in ASL	Discourses of diversity in Hong Kong Universities: belonging & identity in cosmopolitan, Confucian & Christian context	"Allowing More Speech"? – The legitimization of queerphobia in Meta's hateful conduct policy changes	The Unspeakable Tongue and a Borrowed Code: How the Korean Lez Clips English and Cuts through Silence

14:30-15:00	When is "she" a "boy"? The acquisition of grammatical and social meanings of English third person pronouns	The inclusional fallacy: Discourses of queer disbelonging in Norwegian textbooks	Pragmatic camouflage: The Estonian slur pede across hostile, ironic, and 'neutral' uses	The Book Object and Transness: Metaphor and Metonymy in Trans Codicology and The Magnus Archives
15:00-15:30	Contextualizing (dis)belonging: Nonbinary attitudes towards style shifting beyond the queer safety vs. risk paradigm	"Between Analysis and Evocation": A Discourse Analysis of First-Person Stances in Trans Scholarship	"Any homophobe can take a new untarnished word and make it a slur by context and tone alone": Perceptions of LGBTQ+ Slurs	Owning it, owning us: experiences of belonging and solidarity as a reaction to HIV/AIDS in the Swedish queer press, 1982–1986
15:30-16:00	Coffee break, 7GS Foyer			
16:00-17:00	Discussion: Queer (dis)belonging & closing, G.07			

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