



Staff Week

Diversity and multilingualism: context, beliefs and barriers

1 – 3 July 2026

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Draft Programme

Wednesday, July 1st 2026

15:30 - 16:00	Welcome and registration
16:00 - 18:00	<p>Opening event</p> <p>Pr. Isabelle Meuret, Vice-Rector for Diversity and Academic Policy Welcome speech</p> <p>Pr. Philippe Van Parijs, Emeritus professor, Université Catholique de Louvain, Chair of the first Brussels Council for Multilingualism <i>Multilingualism in our cities and in our universities.</i></p> <p>Panel discussion <i>How universities and higher education institutions reflect, reframe or reject wider political framings of multilingualism and diversity. Opportunities and challenges at a language policy level.</i></p>

Thursday, July 2nd 2026

09.00 – 09.30	Welcome tea and coffee
09.30 – 11:00	<p>Pr. Alexander Duchêne, Professor in the Sociology of Language, University of Fribourg <i>Social and economic inequalities related to language</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Ms. Sylvia Goetze Wake, Director of the University of Lausanne Language Centre <i>'Languages and inclusion' survey results: language practices and needs of researchers and administrative staff at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland)</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:30	<p>Dr. Margareta Strasser, research associate at the Language Centre of the University of Salzburg <i>Plurilingual education: beliefs, practices and perspectives</i></p>
16:30 – 17:00	Break
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Interactive workshop with international students <i>Contextualising campus linguistic lives</i></p>
Evening	Dinner

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Friday, July 3rd 2026

09.00 – 09.30	Welcome tea and coffee
09.30 – 11:00	Pr. Laurence Mettwie, Professor of Dutch language & linguistics and multilingualism, Université de Namur <i>Attitudinal and motivational language dimensions of learners' profiles: insights from research on English vs. Dutch as a first modern language in Belgium.</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<i>AI in multilingual communication - CIVIS synergies</i>

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