



Welcome and a couple of words

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Kerngruppe

- Welcome and a few words about the group and its activities
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Purposes

- An attempt to operate on a national level in the study of place names
- An attempt to find a ‘Swiss way’ for the study of proper names
- An attempt to introduce Swiss topics in these studies



Operating

- Here, as in related scientific fields, there is a need for adequate scientific communication
- According to some researchers, thinking in another language entails limits on the scientific method (Villa 2013)



Operating

- The case of English and other hegemonic languages
- There are scientific and economic benefits for a community who speaks English as its mother tongue



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- Some linguists propose a sort of fee on research to be payed by those who use English as their mother tongue (Hagège 2013)
- Need to organize the scientific communication in a multilingual perspective and context



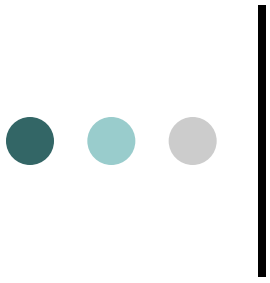
Swiss multilingualism

- A linguistics conference cannot forget this kind of problems and challenges, in particular in a multilingual context such as the Swiss one



This conference

- For these reasons , this conference would like to propose a new way of linguistic communication, therefore it will be multilingual
- For example, participants were asked to speak the language they prefer and to show slides that have been written in an other; this in a scientific and methodological perspective



○ Buon convegno!