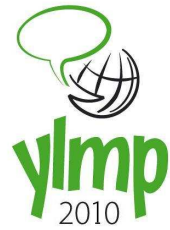


## ***The Sociolinguistics of Identity***

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Investigations of identity form a crucial part of the study of sociolinguistics. This workshop explores how the analysis of social identities in particular has changed since early sociolinguistic research emerged. Theoretical transitions, from essentialist conceptualisations of identity, to more recent work that examines how identities are discursively constructed within interaction, will be focused upon. A key component of the workshop will be hands-on activities where participants get to explore the complex processes of sociolinguistic identity construction, including a focus on gender, age and ethnicity.