

ISLE Summer School 2026 / Preliminary programme

English in transition: Socio-cultural encounters across time and space

7–13 June, 2026

Location: Blåsenhus, 5 Von Kraemers Alle, 752 37 Uppsala

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Organized by the English department and the Faculty of Languages, Uppsala University

Preliminary programme

SUNDAY, 7 June	16.00–20.00	Registration opens (cont. on Monday, 8 June, at 8.30)	
MONDAY, 8 June	9.00–10.30	Course 1 Patricia Ronan <i>Historical sociopragmatics of Irish English</i>	
		Course 2 Dan McIntyre & Brian Walker <i>Evolution of English via stylistics and corpus linguistics</i>	
	10.30–11.00	Break	
	11.00–12.00	Course 1 (cont.)	
		Course 2 (cont.)	
	12.00–13.00	Welcome (Auditorium)	
	13.00–14.30	Lunch	
	14.30–16.30	Course 1 (cont.)	
		Course 2 (cont.)	
	16.30–17.00	Coffee / Tea	
	17.00–18.30	Plenary 1 (Auditorium) Patricia Ronan (Topic tba)	

TUESDAY, 9 June	9.00–10.30	Course 1 (ends)	
		Course 2 (ends)	
	10.30–11.00	Break	
	11.00–12.30	Plenary 2 (Auditorium) Erik Smitterberg <i>Social networks, language transmission, and what counts as Late Modern English</i>	
	12.30–14.00	Lunch	
	14.00–15.30	Round Table discussion (Auditorium) Discussant: Dan McIntyre Public (historical) linguistics	
	15.30–16.00	Coffee / Tea	
	16.00–18.00	Poster parade Poster presentations 1 Expert consultancy 1	
WEDNESDAY, 10 June	9.00–10.30	Course 3 Erik Smitterberg <i>Genre variation and the study of change: Challenges and rewards</i>	
		Course 4 George Walkden <i>Studying grammatical change with the Penn parsed corpora of historical English</i>	
	10.30–11.00	Break	
	11.00–13.00	Cultural activities (tba)	
	13.00–14.30	Lunch	
	14.30–16.30	Course 3 (cont.) Course 4 (cont.)	
	16.30–17.00	Coffee / Tea	
	17.00–18.30	Plenary 3 (Auditorium) Marianne Hundt (Topic tba)	

THURSDAY, 11 June	9.00–10.30	Course 3 (cont.)	
		Course 4 (cont.)	
	10.30–11.00	Break	
	11.00–12.00	Course 3 (ends)	
		Course 4 (ends)	
	12.00–13.00	Course 5 Peter J. Grund <i>Studying language variation and change in handwritten texts</i>	
		Course 6 Marianne Hundt <i>Psycholinguistics and language change: Novel interdisciplinary insights</i>	
	13.00–14.30	Lunch	
	14.30–16.30	Course 5 (cont.)	
		Course 6 (cont.)	
	16.30–17.00	Coffee / Tea	
	17.00–19.00	<i>Poster parade</i> Poster presentations 2	
		Expert consultancy 2	
FRIDAY, 12 June	9.00–10.30	Course 5 (cont.)	
		Course 6 (cont.)	
	10.30–11.00	Break	
	11.00–12.30	Course 5 (ends)	
		Course 6 (ends)	
	12.30–14.00	Lunch	
	14.00–15.30	Tutorial (Auditorium) Instructor: Nina Tahmasebi AI and historical linguistics	

	15.30–16.00	Coffee / Tea	
	16.00–17.30	Plenary 4 (Auditorium) Peter J. Grund Systems of speech representation in the history of English	
	19.00–22.00	Summer School Dinner	
SATURDAY, 13 June	<p style="text-align: center;">EXCURSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exploring runestones in the Uppsala area</i></p>		
10.00–15.00			