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## **HCIAS OPEN LECTURE**

# **Enregisterment: Why are some language varieties so special?**

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The concept of 'enregisterment' suggests that some collections of linguistic facts point to or "index" a language variety that has a uniquely identifiable character. This lecture looks at the details of that idea, paying special attention to how those varieties achieved that status and whether social groups or linguistic facts lie at the root of the idea.

**Thursday, July 28, 2022**  
**6:00 PM CET**

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