

Guest lecture

Faculty 10: Linguistics and Literary Studies  English-Speaking Cultures / English Linguistics

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Culturally-specific metaphors in Aotearoa English

Among the Englishes in Aotearoa New Zealand, the variety called Māori English has been subject to some controversy in linguistic research, e.g. with a view to the question if it should be conceived of as a sociolect or an ethnolect. This talk will shed new light on the complex picture, highlighting the role of Māori cultural knowledge expressed in English used in Aotearoa. Based on evidence taken from the New Zealand Stories Corpus, a collection of small stories told by Māori and non-Māori New Zealanders, the talk will discuss a range of culturally-specific metaphors that can be regarded as examples of Māoriness in English, i.e. Aotearoa English.

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All welcome!