

Interaction and Variation in Pluricentric Languages.

Communicative Patterns in Sweden Swedish and Finland Swedish

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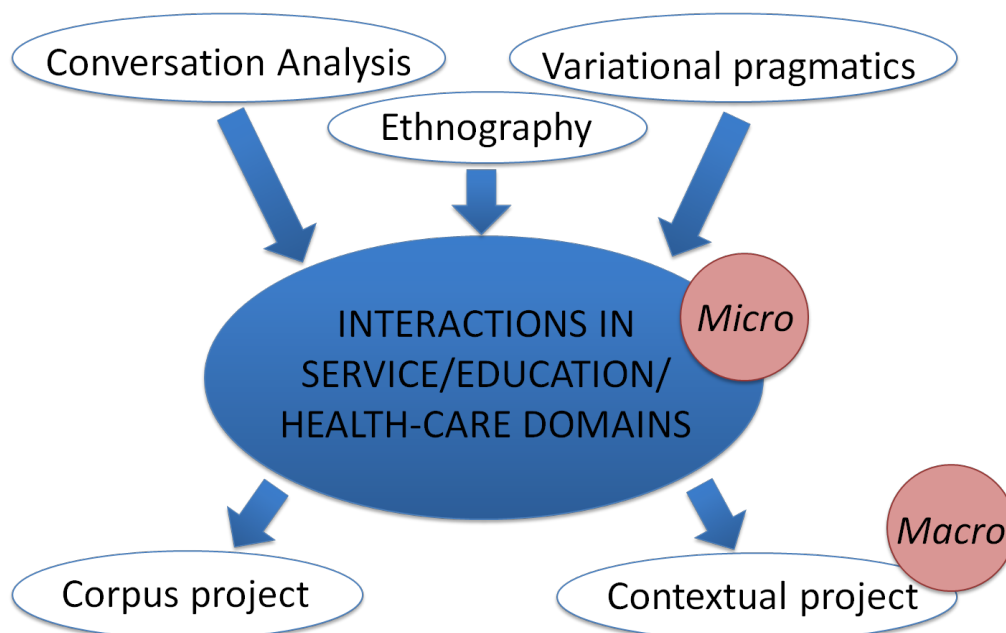
- Contribute to theory development by introducing a new framework for researching PLs
- Investigate communicative patterns based on naturally occurring conversations
- Document and compare FS & SS

WHY PL?


Relationship language – nation – culture is complex and PLs offer a perspective to research this relationship.

WHY SWEDISH?

- No previous large-scale empirical comparative documentation of Swedish as a PL
- Important that 'smaller' PLs are taken into account when formulating a theoretical framework for PLs in general
- Increased understanding of Swedish as PL → practical implications for language policy
- Swedish as a PL offers new research dimension: FS as non-dominant variety and official language but also minority language
- Wider practical importance in society



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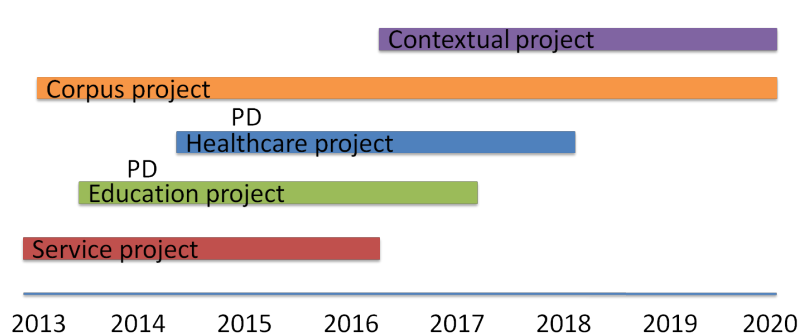
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PROGRAMME TIMELINE



PROGRAMME STRENGTHS

- Truly comparative investigation through maximally compatible datasets
- A research group in each domain project
- Competency in both varieties (FS & SS)
- Established links with national and international research centres & research groups

PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTIONS

- A systematic large-scale comparison of communicative patterns based on naturally occurring conversations in FS & SS
- A substantial contribution to theory development → new framework for studying PLs
- Creation of a generally available domain specific corpus of spoken SS and FS
- A basis for practical applications

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