Language Ethics as a Field of Inquiry

11-12 November 2011, Montréal

ITHQ 3535 Saint-Denis

Friday November 11

9:00 Greetings and Opening Remarks

Session I: Language Ethics - Definitions, Contexts and Approaches

9:30 **Dan Avnon** (Political Science, Hebrew University)
What is (or 'are') Language Ethics?

10:15 **Arash Abizadeh** (Political Science, McGill)
Words versus the Public Thing: Verbal Threats to the Rousseauist Republic

11:00 Break

11:15 **Luisa Maffi** (Terralingua)
Earth of Languages, Languages of the Earth: Towards a Biocultural Ethics for the World's Languages

12.00 Lunch

Convenors

Daniel Weinstock (Philosophy, Montreal)

Yael Peled (CREUM, Montreal)

Session II: The Normative Theorising of Language Policy

13:00 **Idil Boran** (Philosophy, York)
Language, Institutions and Political Theory

13:45 **Jacob T. Levy** (Political Science, McGill)
The Language of Manners and the Manners of Language

14:30 Break

Session III: Linguistic Justice

15:00 **Alan Patten** (Political Science, Princeton)
Language Preservation, Fairness and Language Rights

15:45 **Helder de Schutter**
(Political and Social Theory, Leuven)
Intralinguistic Justice

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Session IV: Global Linguistic Justice

9:30 **Suzanne Romaine** (English, Oxford)
Towards Sustainable and Equitable Human Development: Why Language Matters

10:15 **Daniel Weinstock** (Philosophy, Montreal)
Is Language Death Necessarily Unjust? Three Arguments

11:00 Break

11:15 **Tom Ricento** (Education, Calgary)
Language Policy, Political Theory and English as a 'Global' Language

12:00 Lunch

Session V: The Economics of Linguistic Diversity

13:00 **David Robichaud** (Philosophy, Ottawa)
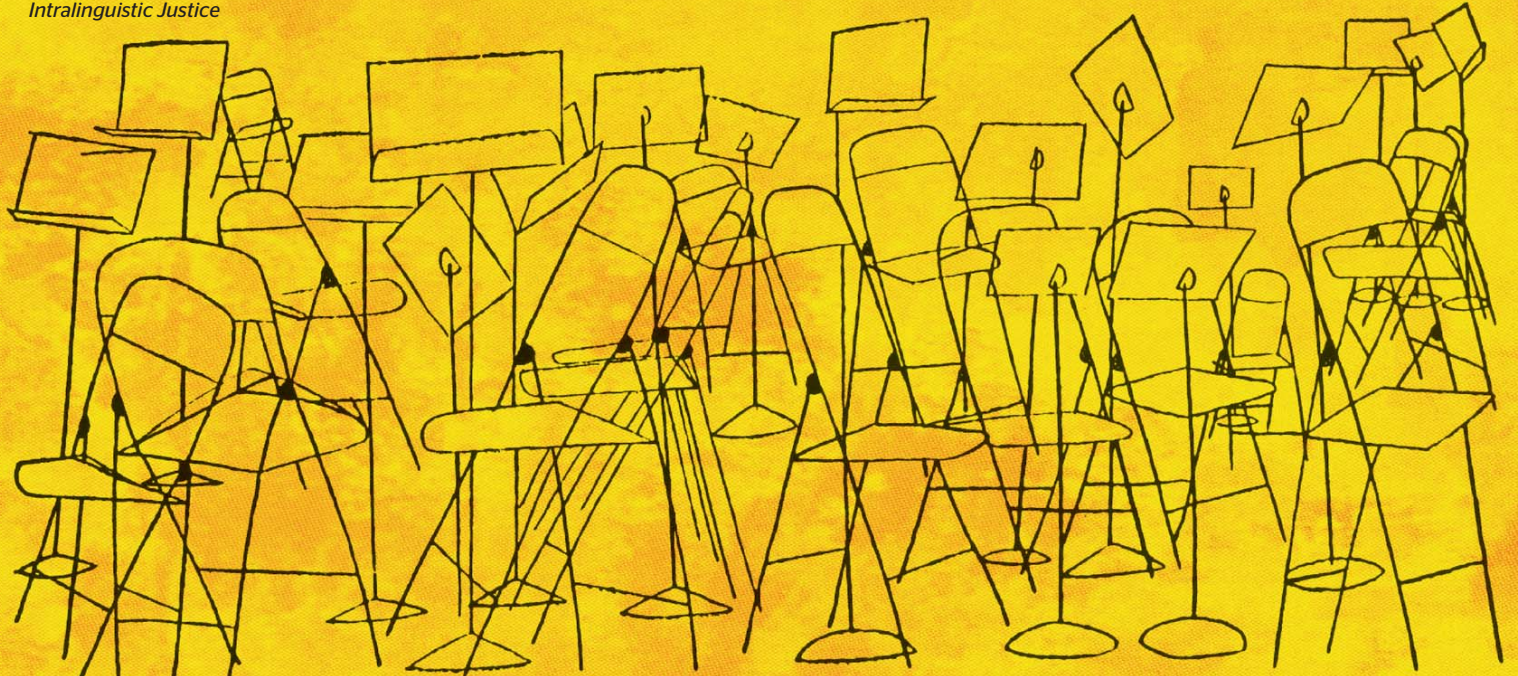*Language Rights and the Costs of Language Diversity*

13:45 **Francois Grin** (Economics, Geneva)
Is "Diversity" an Operational Concept for Language Policy?

14:30 Break

Session VI: Language Ethics as a Field of Inquiry

15:00 *General Discussion*

16:30 Conclusion