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“In this session, I want to disentangle the interrelationships between ideas about language and conceptions of landscape. To this end, I introduce the debates on language and space as they are found in contemporary sociolinguistics and linguistic anthropology, where both cultural space and linguistic entities – that is, what is commonly understood as languages – are understood as cultural constructs.

I then illustrate European, nationalist concepts of the relationship of language, culture and space with discursive constructions of language as found in a postcolonial, Caribbean setting. This serves to deconstruct the often naturalized imaginations of monolingual cultural spaces that pervade European ideas about political landscapes.

We will use the illustrations to jointly discuss the role of language and territorial belonging in contemporary transnational and digital spaces of interaction.

This conference is open to all, without registration and will be held in English.

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