

Language and money between unification and diversification

Online Workshop

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Over the past centuries, the rise of nation states promoted the ideals of “one nation – one language” and “one state – one currency.” Today, however, linguistic and monetary realities are far more diverse. English and the US dollar continue to serve as global standards, yet community languages of immigrants, revitalization movements for minoritized languages, and the spread of community or corporate currencies show that limited spheres of circulation can hold distinct social and economic value.

Digitalization further accelerates this dual dynamic between unity and multitude: translation technologies, digital currencies, and generative AI reshape how languages and currencies are created, converted, and circulated, generating new modes of use and new forms of existence.

This workshop aims to offer an interdisciplinary forum for considering how we should engage with these two major media in an evolving social, technological, and economic environment.

Speakers

Kimura Goro Christoph

Introduction. Why discuss language and money together?

Nishibe Makoto

From the viewpoint of evolutionary economics

Florian Coulmas

From the viewpoint of sociolinguistics

