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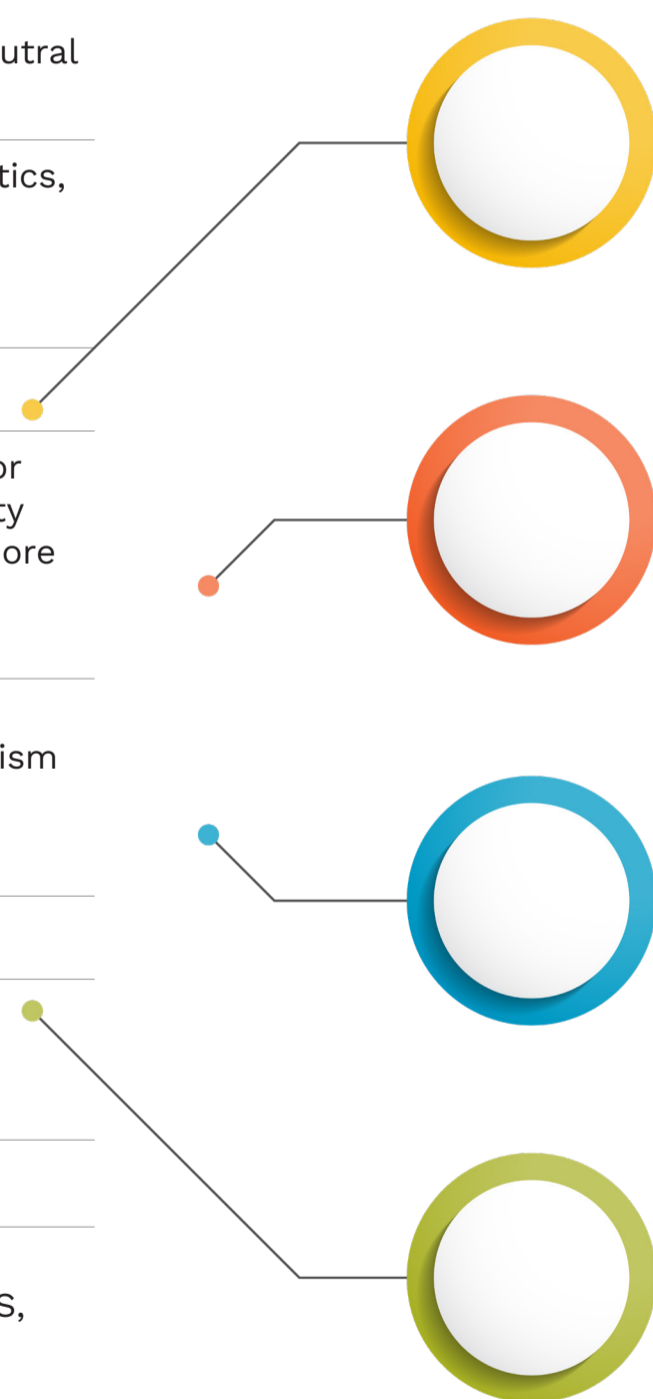
Baby names for modelling cultural and linguistic change

Friday, December 12, 2025: 13:00-17:15

Room: The Uppsala University Main Building (Universitetshuset), room VIII

Program:

13:00-13:15	Welcome to the workshop, CIRCUS & the Swedish Baby Names project
13:15-13:45	Anne Kandler , Human Behavior, Ecology and Culture, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig: “Cultural Transmission of Baby Names: Mechanistic Insights from Mismatches between Neutral Theory and Data”
13:45-14:15	Birgit Eggert , Ass. Prof., Nordic Studies and Linguistics, University of Copenhagen: “Connected Names: An Illustration of Linguistic Relations between Given Names in a Danish Digital Name Lexicon”
14:15-14:45	Coffee/tea break
14:45-15:15	Gareth Roberts , Ass. Prof., Penn Linguistics, Director of the Cultural Evolution of Language Lab, University of Pennsylvania: “Why are Some Words Replaced More than Others? A Simple Laboratory Experiment on Selection and Drift in Language Change”
15:15-15:45	Michael Piotrowski , Ass. Prof., Language and Information Sciences, University of Lausanne: “Schism or Renaissance? On the Relationship between Computational Humanities and Digital Humanities”
15:45-16:00	Short break
16:00-16:30	Harald Hammarström , Prof., Centre for the Human Past, Dept. of Linguistics and Philology, Uppsala University: “How can a Language Be Large?”
16:30-16:45	Short break
16:45-17:15	Alexandra Petrulevich, Ellinor Lindqvist, Per Sjödin & Shaobo Jin , Swedish Baby Names Project, CIRCUS, Uppsala University: “Swedish Baby Names and Modelling of Cultural and Linguistic Change”



More information and registration for Zoom link:



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