

THE LANGUAGE QUARTERLY

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"LANGUAGE SHAPES THE WAY WE THINK, AND DETERMINES WHAT WE CAN THINK ABOUT."

- BENJAMIN LEE WHORF

This is the fourth issue of the language publication brought to you by the student Language Ambassadors. Twice a semester we share with you language resources available at Yale-NUS and beyond. We highlight some of the information available on the Languages website and feature one of the student profiles we regularly post on the Yale-NUS Language Exchange Facebook Group. If you have ideas or content suggestions, let us know at languages@yale-nus.edu.sg.

LANGUAGE SPEAKER SERIES 2021-22

Natural Harmony: Teaching Languages, Teaching Peace

Distinguished Speaker: **Rebecca L. Oxford**, Ph.D.
Date and Time: October 5, 2021, 7:00pm via Zoom

Language teachers can become intentional peacebuilders by smoothly weaving flexible, lively peace activities into the current curriculum. At the same time, their students' competencies will increase in language and peacebuilding. Dr. Oxford will explain how this can be done and engage participants in brief activities and reflection.



Image provided by Rebecca Oxford

She will present underlying peace principles from her *Language of Peace Approach*, which is known on several continents and is the basis of three books for language teachers and teacher educators. Session participants will receive ideas, suggestions, an article, a bibliography, additional sample activities, and contacts in language peace education. [Sign up here!](#)

FEATURED LANGUAGE STUDENT: BEKZOD NORMATOV' 23, Major: MCS



Image provided by Bekzod Normatov

Before coming to Yale-NUS, Bekzod was set on learning a new language during his four years in college. Given that one of his best friends was from Mexico, he frequently had conversations about Hispanic culture and language, which made him want to learn Spanish. He also loved listening to songs in Spanish: he remembers writing down and trying to memorize the lyrics which he could not understand at the time.

This is his fourth semester taking Spanish, and it has been one of his most fun and rewarding classes. The video projects are his favorite assignments: he always has a fun time recording videos in Spanish about his life at Yale-NUS, as well as interviews with his Spanish-speaking friends and classmates. *Café de Español -a weekly hangout-* that the class had last semester was a safe and accepting space to get to know Spanish speakers and learners from around the College. Bekzod hopes to continue learning Spanish further during his semester abroad and dreams of exploring Central and South America.

MEET YOUR LANGUAGE PEER TUTOR:

DAIN KIM '24



Image provided by Dain Kim

"Hi, I'm Dain and I've been a Spanish peer tutor for 2 semesters now. I'm originally from Guatemala, and I really enjoy helping students from different backgrounds with their language learning process. Talking to students about why they choose to pursue Spanish is always fascinating—I look forward to meeting more people and hearing new stories from my peers!"

FOREIGN FILMS @ THE YALE-NUS LIBRARY:

LADRI DI BICICLETTA— BICYCLE THIEVES

Language: Italian

Genre: Drama

Duration: 89 minutes

Year: 1948

Awards: Honorary Academy Award; New York Film Critics Circle Award

Ladri di biciclette is genius in its simplicity; set in post-World War II, poverty-paralyzed Rome, it is considered a classic of Italian neorealism. It follows Antonio Ricci, a working-class man with a universal pursuit: to find a job. After a job posting for a man with a bicycle comes his way, an inescapable cycle of theft, poverty and regrets ensues.

The movie rejects most Hollywood conventions, featuring non-professional actors and employing a documentary technique, following a working-class man as he faces challenges big and small. The protagonist is everyman, and any man's story would be similar to his, but unique in its own way. Thus is the plight of the poor: to suffer alone yet together.



Trailer: [here](#)

Read more: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)

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CIPE SUMMER LANGUAGE

SCHOLARSHIP SHARING SESSION ([Link](#))

This summer, 14 students were awarded Summer Language Scholarships through CIPE to pursue intensive language study. Students studying Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Sanskrit, and Spanish came together to share their work, experiences, and reflections on their intensive language experiences through their Language Portfolios. Even with the ongoing pandemic, students took their language skills to new heights and are even more passionate about learning new languages and discovering different cultures! Learn more about the Language Portfolio Project [here](#) and visit the CIPE website for exciting opportunities next summer.

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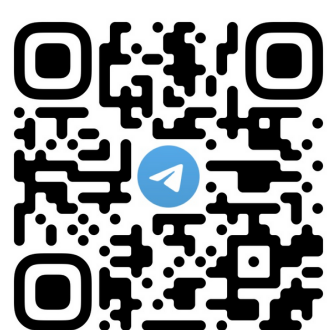
Aruzhan Shalabayeva '24
Languages: Russian, English, and Kazakh,
currently learning Mandarin



Desiree Freeman '24
Languages: English, Mandarin, currently
learning French



Matthew Ling '24
Languages: English, French, some
Cantonese and Spanish, currently
learning Mandarin



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LANGUAGE FAIR 2021-22

This year's Language Fair will be a hybrid affair once again. In addition to the Language Fair website, we will have an info session on **Tuesday 5 October 10:30AM - 12:30PM @ Elm Courtyard!** Come by to ask any questions that you might have about language learning at Yale-NUS, and pick up the **classic** Languages T-shirt if you don't yet have one! To secure your T-shirt, answer this **simple quiz!**



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EVENTS & OTHER RESOURCES

- Check out the Yale-NUS [library](#) for resources on language proficiency exams for various languages.
- Contact the Japan Society if interested in the Japanese Language Table.
- Round 0 of the Module Registration Process will take place in December. More details available soon.
- Find additional information on the [Languages Website](#) or reach out to the Language Ambassadors.