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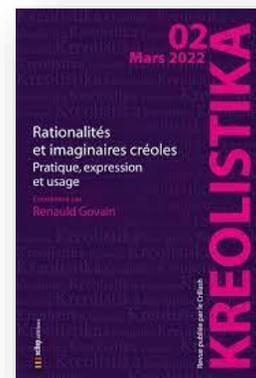
International and Local Engagement Section

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Article published



Ms. Aneesa Vel has published an article in *Kréolistika*. The article is an interdisciplinary journal of the Creole worlds of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Letters, Languages, Arts and Human Sciences (CRILLASH) of the University of the West Indies (UA). Issue 2 of the journal is edited by Renauld Govain, from the State University of Haiti and focuses on two complementary themes: sociolinguistics and creole didactics based on the linguistic practices of the different communities encountered in the various Creole speaking eras of the Caribbean, North America, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and Africa.



Aneesa's article appears in Chapter IV and is entitled "**The Paradox of Teaching Kreol Seselwa in Secondary School: Between Political Prudence and Learners' Identity Claims.**" It deals with the theme of Creole at school, highlighting the 'paradox' of teaching Creole in secondary school through the representations and language practices of young Seychellois speakers as well as the political-linguistic decisions taken in favour or to the detriment of this language. Most of the young speakers interviewed accept that the Creole language is fundamental to the construction of their cultural identity but they refuse to continue learning it, as a subject, in secondary school. So why this refusal and how to approach it?

Congratulations Aneesa!

For more information or to order the book, click on this link:

<https://books.google.de/books?id=UuZ4EAAAQBAJ&pg=PT20&lpg=PT20&dq=kréolistika+no+2&source=bl&ots=ONd0McZ6JA&sig=ACfU3U1Y a-IGMiCa6ZmBlcKrtYtFfNfng&hl=fr&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjrxKDW9-34AhUWP-wKHZQIAS4Q6AF6BAgiEAM#v=onepage&q=kréolistika%20no%202&f=false>

Youth for Peace Seminar

Mr. Shamad Japha, 3rd Year BA French student, was nominated as the representative of Seychelles, by the Seychelles National Youth Council and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to attend a **Youth for Peace** seminar and tree planting programme. This was conducted in the Federal Republic of Ethiopia, from 13 to 14 July 2022. The objective of the event was to implement the Eastern Africa Standby Force's (EASF) mandate in the Member States, to empower citizens in the protection of the environment.

The event included a one-day conference which was followed by a tree planting session, attended by youth representatives from EASF Member States, with the aim of strengthening youth engagement in peace, security and stability in the region.



UNESCO Training

UNESCO conducted two lectures and discussions on the topic of Ethic and Global Citizen Education. Mrs. Betty-Mai Sofa attended the lecture as a representative of UniSey, as well as five teachers from the Ministry of Education. These were the 1st and 2nd lectures in a series of lectures and discussions that will continue until end of 2023.



COMESA NDC Meetings

Dr. Daniel Etongo travelled to Lusaka, Zambia from the 12th to 17th July 2022, to participate in a meeting on the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), Best Practices Implementation and Regional Resilience. In view that UniSey BERI completed a COMESA project, whereby there were several capacity-building programmes, this meeting provided the opportunity for future research in Seychelles, that will benefit both UniSey and the Government of Seychelles.



LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

Meeting with the Director of the Alliance Française

The Director of the Alliance Française, Ms. Emily Motu met with UniSey representatives, Dr. Justin Zelime, Ms. Annie Laurette; Ms. Diana Benoit, Ms. Marie-Andrée Sally, Ms. Vicky Rachel, Ms. Vania Mondon, Ms. Noritha Legaie on Thursday 14th July to discuss opportunities for collaboration and ways to assist UniSey in the professional development of its students.



National Assembly visit to UniSey

The Media, Youth, Sports and Culture Committee of the National Assembly, led by Honourable Wavel Woodcock, visited UniSey on the 14th July of 2022. The purpose of the visit was to have a campus tour and to briefly meet with staff. This was followed by a meeting with the Executive team and members of the Student Council. The

Vice-Chancellor, Ms. Perreau took the opportunity to highlight the importance of UniSey for the whole country, and the vision to involve all stakeholders in UniSey's development and growth. Honourable Woodcock was impressed with the university's output despite the limited amount of financial and human resources available to them and is committed to support UniSey in the near future.



SBSA Short Course

Lecturers from the Seychelles Business Studies Academy had the opportunity to follow a short course in using Microsoft Teams to conduct online classes, assignments, including online grading. The training was conducted by UniSey's CIS Team which included Mr. Christian Servina, Mr. Bernard Songwar and Mr. Bijay George from 13th to 15th July 2022.



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