

Global Friday Presents

"Itənmən" – "The One Who Exists": Sociolinguistic Life Of The Itelmen In Kamchatka, Russia In The Context Of Language Loss And Language Revitalization

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Itelmen People – Indigenous fisherman of Kamchatka peninsula in Russia. Over the last three decades Itelmens have been successful in revitalization of their culture, maintaining traditional subsistence activities, cuisine, crafts and dance. Yet Itelmen language continues struggling to thrive under the continuing colonial pressures. This talk will focus on a community-grounded ongoing work that aims to analyze the history of language loss, contemporary state of the language, and spaces that the language is reclaiming under the given social, political, and economic pressures. This research brings together different generations of Speakers, scholars, language activists, educators, and learners to think about creative language revitalization initiatives and approaches that are inspired by Itelmen knowledge systems, ways of being, and land.

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