***The Making of Us***

**Social Categories in Intercultural Pragmatics**

* A mini-conference on pragmatics (and semantics)
* Location: Aarhus University, Denmark
* Dates: 22-23 May 2024
* Local committee: Carsten Levisen, Noah Rørbæk, Lauren Sadow, Astrid Mus Rasmussen, Susana S. Fernández

This conference focuses on the question *Who can we be?* and seeks to elaborate on the multitude of social categories that different linguacultures operate with and the assignments and assertions of these categories in intercultural contexts. Social categories are the “words for people” that we use every day to define, classify, and identify ourselves and others. They are not just about the naming of different groups and kinds of people, but the construal and making of people. And they shape profoundly how we think about both ourselves, and our connections to other people.

**22 May**

Location: Nobelsalen 1485-123

9.00-9.15 Welcome

9.15-10.00 Social Categories in Intercultural Pragmatics, Carsten Levisen (Roskilde)

*Short Coffee Break*

10.15-11.00 Categories of Ethnicity in Contemporary Australia, Zhengdao Ye (ANU)

11.00-11.30 *Ildsjæl* ‘fire soul’: A social category in Danish Civil Society, Noah Rørbæk (AU)

11.30-12.00 How close are we? Friendship-like concepts in Czech, Marie Pavlásková (Prague)

*Lunch break*

13.00*-*13.45 Social Categories in an Arabic-speaking Village (Jish), Sandy Habib (Tel-Hai)

13.45-14.15 Concepts of Bureaucrats and their Opposites: The Social Category

Words *Beamter* and *Hackler* in Austrian German, Thomas Schwaiger (Graz)

*Short Coffee Break*

14.30-15.15 Socializing groups in Lockdown Spanish, Monica Aznarez Mauleon (Navarra)