

VARIETIES, LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS

TASK: how do you call different languages / dialects you speak? What assumptions you think others might make about you based on the way you speak?

- Vernacular language

Standardization: Concepts of power and solidarity

- „A language is a dialect with an army and a navy.“
- The standard-dialect hierarchy
- The criterion of the mutual intelligibility under question
- Standard language ideology
- Codification; items connected with codification
- Standard language myth; the standard and language change

Dialects

- Regional dialects
- Social dialects
- Ethnic dialects

Style

TASK Do you feel uncertainty about the style you should choose in some situations? (I.e. you have to set the situation as formal or informal)

Register

- Construction of the identity

Genre

Power vs. solidarity

- Connected with the social identity

SOCIAL GROUPS

- Often a source of a stereotypical classification!
- Sociolinguistics: *speech community*
 - o But: it is difficult to discern two languages or dialects
 - o Regional criterion (English all over the world)
- Sharing communicative norms
- Social identities
- Beliefs about language and social groups; language ideologies