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***Democracy and Language:
The Case of the Lesser-Used Written Languages
in Norway and Latvia***

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Both Norwegian and Latvian have two written standards, each connected to its own literature and culture. However, the lesser-used languages — Nynorsk and Latgalian — have different positions in their respective countries. This talk examines the similarities and differences between the situations for the lesser-used written standards in the past and present, and reveals the role democracy plays in language diversity. It also presents the digital exhibition Linguapolis — a joint project between Norwegian Museum of Written Culture, the Latgalian NGO Volūda, and Valodu māja—House of Languages.

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