

*INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO STUDY OF LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY I*

A critical analysis of a complex relationship between language and society within the scope of a constructivist, inter- and transdisciplinary research paradigm is outlined. Language is understood as a social phenomenon which stands in direct correlation with human cognition and social organization. Its relative social status and social power, as well as its functions and values, are investigated as dependent on a number of social, political, economic, cultural and other extra-linguistic factors within a speech community/community of practice.