

Project Week Afternoon Event:

Daniel Everett Talks About Endangered Languages, Lost Knowledge, and the Future



Pirahã is a language “discovered” in the 1970s in the Brazilian jungle. According to the linguist Daniel Everett, it has many peculiar features, like the absence of number words and color terms, an almost exclusive relation to the presence, and perhaps most crucial, no embedded sentences even though for, e.g. Generative Grammar these are quite characteristic for Human Language. List to and watch Daniel Everett talking for 90 minutes about the peculiarities of Pirahã, its future fate, and the future fate of small, endangered languages like it in general.

Film: Pirahã and Other Dying Languages

Time: Friday, June 4, 2010 * 14:15

Place: English Department, Kettengasse 12, Room 122