Sociolinguistic situation in Norway: written and spoken heterogeneity

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In this talk, I will present the language situation in Norway and up to date-sociolinguistic research. Norway is famous for its written and spoken heterogeneity and is sometimes referred to as a sociolinguistic paradise (e.g., Trudgill, 2002). I will highlight what is special about Norway, but also challenge established truths about the so-called paradise. The talk will cover dialect use and accented speech before turning to the topic of Nynorsk as a minoritised language.

Recommended reading

Thingnes, J. S. (2022). Nynorsk in academia: policies, practices, and ideologies. *Linguistic Minorities in Europe Online*. https://doi.org/10.1515/lme.17606996.