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The 6th International Winter School for Finno-Ugric Studies took place at the University of Vienna from 26.2.-3.3.2018. It comprised a language course, two workshops, two guest lectures and a student colloquium.

Workshop I: Social cognition in Uralistic fieldwork
The goal of this workshop was to get students acquainted with methods of fieldwork and data analysis for the grammar of social cognition in Uralic languages. The participants learned to gather audiovisual material from native speakers with the help of the Family Problems Picture Task (cf. San Roque et al. 2012), transcribe the material, translate and annotate it in ELAN and analyze the data with regard to the core topics of N. Evans' project 'Language and Social Cognition', i.e. human reference, reported speech and thought (e.g. direct/indirect speech), private predicates (indicators of the feelings, thoughts and wants of someone that would only be known to that person, i.e. private to their own mind) and benefactives/malefactives.

Workshop II: Minority languages, multilingualism, language policy and language teaching
In this workshop, questions of multilingualism involving Uralic minority languages in the education system were discussed, also with the help of group exercises.

Guest lecture by Prof. Anneli Sarhimaa (University of Mainz): "Language maintenance as an object of sociolinguistic study"
This lecture presented the different criteria and assessment tools used in measuring the maintenance or endangerment of languages.

Guest lecture by Eva Vetter (University of Vienna): "Majority, minority or foreign: Languages in education"
This lecture gave an overview of most important issues in the policies of language teaching concerning European language education and minority languages.