

LANGUAGES IN CONTACT



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International Conference Languages in Contact/ Cultures in Contact 2018

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Languages, Cultures and Literatures

Wrocław, June
16-17, 2018

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- > Committee for Philology of the **Polish Academy of Sciences**, Wrocław Branch, Poland
- > **Philological School of Higher Education** in Wrocław, Poland
- > **Israel Study Center**, Israel
- > Faculty of Cultural and Social Sciences, **University of Salzburg**, Austria
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 is an international conference that aims at bringing together researchers of language, understood as social human behavior. The conference organizers wish to address the need to investigate minority speech communities, small, endangered and vanishing languages, pidgins and creoles, as well as to narrow down the scope of the study of cultural practices performed by means of language.

The conference seeks to reach the following goals:

- > Developing the methodological apparatus for anthropological and contact linguistics, as well as promoting these innovative disciplines in Poland.
- > Integrating the international scientific milieu focused on anthropological linguistics.
- > Promoting the study of minority, small and vanishing languages among young linguists.



**The conference seeks to establish new ground
in the following areas:**

- > conceptions about the origin of language and languages
- > small, endangered and vanishing languages, cultures, and literatures
- > the ecology of small, minority and endangered languages, cultures and literatures
- > anthropological linguistics
- > cultural patterns in discursive practices
- > folk-linguistics and folk-anthropology
- > mechanisms of language change (and language death)
- > the description and classification (genetic, areal, typological) of the languages of the world
- > the semiotics and ethnography of communication
- > studies of pidgin, creole and mixed languages
- > the origins and spread of writing systems
- > field linguistics

“The attempts to classify mankind are numerous.”

Franz Boas, (1911: 6) “Introduction.” [In:] The Handbook of American Indian Languages. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology. Bulletin 40, 1-95.

“Of all aspects of culture, it is a fair guess that language was the first to receive a highly developed form and that its essential perfection is a prerequisite to the development of culture as a whole.”

Edward Sapir, (1937: 155) “Language.” [In:] Edwin A. Seligman (ed.) Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences. Vol. 9; New York: Macmillan, 155-169.

“The possibility of insult and of humor based on linguistic choices means that members agree on the underlying rules of speech and on the social meaning of linguistic features.”

Susan M. Ervin-Tripp, (1964: 93) “Sociolinguistics.” [In:] Leonard Berkovitz (ed.) Advances in Experimental Social Psychology. Vol 4. New York: Academic Press, 93-107.

“As culture contact is perhaps the most common vector of culture change, the nature of this contact is often manifested in linguistic change.”

William A. Foley, (1997: 384) Anthropological Linguistics. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.

“(…) Linguistic anthropology is a distinct discipline that deserves to be studied for its past accomplishments as much as for the vision of the future presented in the work of a relatively small but active group of interdisciplinary researchers.”

Alessandro Duranti, (1997:1) Linguistic Anthropology. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press.

“The development of a comprehensive written visual language caused civilization to grow more complex. (...) Literacy gives cultures the privilege of knowing the past.”

Denise Schmandt-Besserat, (2007: 105) When Writing Met Art. From Symbol to Story. Austin: University of Texas Press.



Organizing Committee:

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Important dates:

Closing date for registration and submission of abstracts:

> **20.04.2018**

Notification of abstract acceptance:

> 30.04.2018

Deadline for registration fee payment:

> **10.05.2018**

Registration and Submission of Proposals:

Please send a 400-500 word abstract in English for a 20-minute paper (max. 20 minutes of presentation and 10 minutes for discussion) to languagesincontact@wsf.edu.pl and register online.

Please register online:

> https://www.wsf.edu.pl/aktualnosci,Registration_Form_2018.xml

Paper proposals should include the following elements:

- > Title of the paper
- > Author(s) name
- > Author(s) institution affiliation, address, and contact e-mail
- > Abstract text (max. 400-500 words including references)
- > Times New Roman font size 12 pt.
- > A Microsoft Word 2003 file

Conference fee:

120 EUR or 480 PLN – conference materials, coffee breaks, lunch and banquet included

80 EUR or 320 PLN – a discount fee for PhD students

The conference fee should be paid by May 10, 2018 to the account of the Philological School of Higher Education in Wrocław:

Account Holder: Wyższa Szkoła Filologiczna we Wrocławiu
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Please make sure to include your name and the conference title (Languages in Contact) in the description of the bank transfer.

The conference fee does not include travel and accommodation costs

Conference venue:

**University of Wrocław,
Institute of English Studies,
Kuznicza 22, Wrocław, Poland**

Important information:

Please note that the organizers do not provide accommodation for the conference participants.

A list of recommended hotels and the location of the conference venue are available at:

> [wsf.edu.pl/aktualnosci,Languages_in_Contact_2018.xml](https://www.wsf.edu.pl/aktualnosci,Languages_in_Contact_2018.xml)

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