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International Conference Languages in Contact 2016

Call for Papers

**International Conference
LANGUAGES IN CONTACT 2016
28–29 May, 2016**

organized by:

**Committee for Philology of the Polish Academy of Sciences,
Wrocław Branch, Poland**

**Philological School of Higher Education
in Wrocław, Poland**

Department of Linguistics, The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA

International Communicology Institute, Washington D.C., USA

PLENARY SPEAKERS:

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Languages in Contact is an international conference that aims at integrating international researchers of language, understood as social human behavior. The conference is organized by the Committee for Philology of Polish Academy of Sciences - Wrocław Branch, Philological School of Higher Education in Wrocław, Department of Linguistics of the Ohio State University, USA, and the International Communicology Institute, Washington D.C., USA. Conference organizers wish to address the need of investigating minority speech communities, endangered and vanishing languages, pidgins and creoles, as well as narrowing down the scope of study of cultural practices performed by the means of language and studies through the scope of contact linguistics.

The conference seeks to reach the following goals:

- Developing methodological apparatus of anthropological linguistics 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 and vanishing languages among young linguists.

The participants will be encouraged to submit article proposals which, after a successful review, will be published within the volume of *Languages in Contact* series. Moreover, the scope of the conference seeks to establish a ground for new research in the following areas:

- endangered and vanishing languages,
- the ecology of minority languages,
- anthropological linguistics,
- cultural patterns in discursive practices,
- conceptions about the origin of language and languages folk-linguistics and folk-anthropology,
- mechanisms of language change (and language death),
- the description and classification (genetic, aerial, typological) of the languages of the world,
- the 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.

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Important dates:

Closing date for registration and submission of abstracts: **15 April 2016**
Notification of abstract acceptance: **20 April 2016**
Deadline for fee payment: **5 May 2016**

Registration and Submission of Proposals:

Please register online: http://www.wsf.edu.pl/aktualnosci,Registration_Form_2016.xml



Please send a 400-500 word abstract (in English or in Polish) for a 20-minute paper (max. 20 minutes of presentation and 10 minutes for discussion) at languagesincontact@wsf.edu.pl and register online by 10 April, 2016.

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)
- Times New Roman font size 12 pt.
- A Microsoft Word 2003 file

Conference fee:

490 PLN (approx. 120 EUR) - conference materials, coffee breaks, lunch and banquet included

The conference fee should be paid by 5 May 2016 to the account of the Philological School of Higher Education in Wrocław:

Account Holder: Wyższa Szkoła Filologiczna we Wrocławiu

Bank: Raiffeisen Bank Polska S. A.

Account No (IBAN): PL 23 1750 1064 0000 0000 0856 4167

SWIFT Code: RCBWPLPW

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:

The conference will be held at *Ibis Styles Hotel*, Plac Konstytucji 3 Maja 3, Wrocław (near Main Railway Station).

Conference banquet will be held on Saturday, 28 May, at the restaurant Novocaina, Rynek 13.

Accommodation:

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

For *transportation tips*, *recommended hotels* and *the map* please check the conference website

<http://www.wsf.edu.pl/88352.xml>



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