International Conference “Language and Territory 4”

Trento - Università degli Studi di Trento (Italy), June 24th – 30th, 2019.

Call for papers

The International Conference Language and Territory (Sudbury, Canada, 2010; Tbilissi, Georgia, 2015; Kenitira, Morocco, 2017) brought together numerous speakers and researchers world-wide. The events were a great forum to discuss the judicial status of national, regional and minority languages, their evolution, their loss, as well as their day-to-day use by speakers in a variety of cultural and artistic fields (literature, education, heritage, audiovisual media, film, music, politics, public display and signage, etc.).

Regional and minority languages, and the territories in which they evolve and interact, always raise delicate and difficult issues, because languages are always at the core of the political projects of a given territory, region or state. Through languages, be they be official or co-official, in contact or not with other languages, researchers seek a better understanding of the linguistic communities that make use of them and of the territorial dynamics they present. The study, the protection and the promotion of regional and minority languages help maintain the cultural resources and the patrimony of a territory, of a region, of a country.

The Università di Trento (Italy), located in the region of Trentino-Alto Adige, will host the fourth edition of the International conference on Language and Territory from June 24th to 30th, 2019. Trentino-Alto Adige is an especially appropriate location for such a scholarly gathering, given the region’s unique sociolinguistic dynamic resulting from German-speaking majority in the Alto Adige and the various language minorities located in Trentino: Ladin, Mocheno and Cimbrian.

Language and Territory 4 welcomes individual papers and session proposals that address the general theme of the conference. Participants may address different issues pertaining to the interaction between language and territory, among which, the following:

- Language planning
- Language contact
- Literary geography
- Language and virtual territory
- Language, territory and law
- Language, territory and education
- Language, territory and history
- Language, territory and identity
- Language industry and territory
- Language, territory and oral patrimony (tales, songs, etc.)
- Language, territory and philosophy
- Language, territory and politics
- Language, territory and religion
- Language, territory and journeys
- Language, territory and translation
- Sociolinguistic and urban ecology

To present a paper at the conference
You are invited to submit a proposal for an individual paper or a full session. All proposals will be subject to approval by a scientific committee. Please forward your proposal, in the indicated form, within the required timeframe, to langueetterritoire4@gmail.com.

For further information, please visit our website at www.unitn.it (in construction).

Individual papers
Individual presentations are limited to 20 minutes followed by a 10 minute question period. Though papers may address any languages, presentations are to be delivered in English, in French, in German or in Italian.

The deadline for individual presentation proposals is **October 1st, 2018.**

Please send proposals in Word format (font type and size Times Roman, 12 points) and include the following information:

- Title (Mr., Mrs., Ms.)
- First Name
- Last Name (in capitals)
- Affiliated institution
- Postal address
- Telephone number
- Fax number
- E-mail
- Status: faculty member, independent researcher, graduate student
- Title of paper (20 words maximum)
- Abstract of the paper (250 words maximum)
- Key words (10 words maximum)

Full Sessions
Full sessions are comprised of three (or four) speakers on a common theme. You may propose a full session with two other speakers or a topic session proposal, accompanied by an abstract which we will circulate.

Presentations are to be delivered in English, in French, in German or in Italian. Each session is limited to 90 minutes, including papers and question period.

The deadline for submitting a full session is **October 1st, 2018.**

Please send proposals in Word format (font type and size Times Roman, 12 points), including the title of the session (25 words maximum) and the following information for each speaker:

- Title (Mr., Mrs., Ms.)
- First Name
- Fax number
- E-mail
Calendar

Deadline to propose an individual paper or a full session: **October 1st, 2018**

Deadline for notification of acceptance or refusal: **January 30, 2019**

Broadcast program of the Symposium (1st version): **May 1st, 2019**

Submitted articles will be peer-reviewed for publication.

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