

URBAN LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY

Institute of Linguistics RAS, Moscow, Russia; April 9-10, 2018

We invite papers for the international conference Urban Linguistic Diversity which is organized by the research group “Languages of Moscow” and will take place on 9-10 April 2018 at the Institute of Linguistics RAS, Moscow. **The deadline for abstract submission has been extended until January 15, 2018.**

Annotation

There has been a steady growth of population in urban centres across the globe. The processes of urbanization have been hastened due to the cities’ rapid technological advancement, broader range of financial and educational opportunities, and better health care services among many other factors. According to the United Nations’ Population Division (UN, 2014), approximately 54% of the world’s population lived in cities in 2014, and it is estimated that this figure will increase to 66% by mid 21st century. One of the consequences of urbanization is linguistic and ethnocultural **diversity**. A remarkable increase in the number of languages spoken in urban contexts as well as the fact that people belonging to different ethnic, cultural, religious backgrounds come in contact with each other on a regular basis have contributed considerably to the formation of a **multilingual and multicultural** nature of the 21st century city.

The international conference “Urban Linguistic Diversity” aims to bring scholars working in different fields of linguistics together to discuss topics related to the investigation of language in urban contexts. We invite papers linked to the overarching conference theme with special emphasis on **metropolitan cities**, including, but not limited to, urban sociolinguistics, geographical linguistics, anthropological linguistics, psycholinguistics, multilingual education, multilingual societies/communities, linguistic aspects of migration processes. The preferred topics of the talks will be:

- Multilingual/global city
- Language and migration
- Language policy and planning
- Language and identity
- Language contacts
- Linguistic landscape
- Language, education and diversity
- Heritage language maintenance
- Ethnolects
- Mixed languages

The conference will be held primarily in English (some Russian sections are also possible). The deadline for abstract submission has been extended until January 15, 2018. Notifications of (non)acceptance will be sent via email by January 30, 2018. Please submit an abstract, up to 500 words (including references), in pdf format to the following conference email address:

urban.linguistic.diversity@gmail.com. In the abstract, please include the following information: your name and surname, your affiliation and position. Proposals will be evaluated in terms of thematic relevance, quality of content and significance.

The conference is organized by a research group working on a project “Languages of Moscow” at the Institute of Linguistics RAS, supported by the RFBR research foundation, project #16-04-00474.

Keynote speakers

- Dr. Dick Smakman (Leiden University), the Netherlands
- Dr. Vladimir I. Belikov (Lomonosov Moscow State University and Russian State University for the Humanities), Russia
- Prof. Yaron Matras (University of Manchester), UK

Important dates

January 15, 2018 — Deadline for abstract submission

January 30, 2018 — Notifications of acceptance / non-acceptance

April 9-10, 2018 — Conference at the Institute of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), Moscow

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