

3rd University of Westminster International Linguistics Conference, 2-3 July 2020

Theme: *Language contact and change in an
interconnected world*

2nd Call for Papers

Keynote speakers:

- Professor Lutz Marten – School of Oriental and African Studies, University College London
- Professor Karen Corrigan – School of English Literature, Language and Linguistics, Newcastle University
- Dr Joseph Gafaranga - School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, the University of Edinburgh
- Dr Hannah Gibson – Department of Linguistics, University of Essex

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Advances in modern transportation systems, communication technology and increase in migration has meant that speakers of different languages interact closely, hence it is typical for their languages to influence each other. The influence could be as common as the exchange of words or what is termed vocabulary borrowing in the literature. It can also go deeper, extending to the exchange of even basic characteristics of a language such as phonology, morphology and syntax.

In some cases, the result of the contact of two or more languages can be the replacement of one by the other. This is most common in asymmetric relationship between languages, and sometimes leads to language endangerment or extinction. Additionally, language contact can also lead to the development of new languages when people without a common language interact closely, developing a pidgin, which may eventually become a full-fledged creole language through the process of creolization.

The conference theme is chosen to explore the interesting and multiple linguistic spaces that we all share in our ever-interconnected world. We live in a time of great linguistic and cultural diversity and other ecopolitical manifestations that impact the study of language and linguistics in both urbanised and more rural settings.

In light of these developments, and the presumed increasing contact between various languages in our interconnected world, the conference invites a dialogue that reflects on these issues. Topics may include, but are not limited to, bilingualism, multilingualism and

translanguaging; syntax; phonetics and phonology; morphology; first and second language acquisition; language strategy and language policy; minority languages; contrastive linguistics; corpus linguistics; computational linguistics; lexicology and lexicography; discourse analysis; forensic linguistics; psycholinguistics; sociolinguistics; language and (new) media; language, identity and discourse; translation and language acquisition/learning.

We particularly welcome contributions from postgraduates and overseas scholars. All the conference venues are accessible, and we are very happy to discuss particular needs that participants might have and how we can best accommodate these.

We invite submission of abstracts in English (in either PDF or MS Word format) of no more than 250 words including a title and your affiliation to: linguistics-conference@hotmail.co.uk

- **INDIVIDUAL PAPERS:** Oral presentations on original research by one or more authors within a 20-minute period with 10 minutes for questions.
- **POSTERS:** Posters will be displayed during a dedicated poster session. Posters of standard A0 size should be submitted to the registration desk on the morning of the conference.

The deadline for abstracts is Tuesday 31 March 2020.

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