



The University of Jyväskylä Language Campus is pleased to announce the
16th International Conference on Minority Languages (ICML XVI)
&
34th Summer School and Conference of Applied Language Studies
which will be held in Jyväskylä & Närpes, Finland August 28-30, 2017

CONFERENCE THEME: REVALUING MINORITY LANGUAGES

Minority languages have long been used by different groups of social actors for identity and community building purposes, such as the symbolic, material, and political mobilisation of linguistic and cultural rights. Currently, under changing political, economic and cultural conditions around the world, minority languages are subject to multiple, overlapping and even contradictory discourses and practices of valuation and revaluation.

The peripheral position of minority languages, as structured by nation-state logics, and the central role endowed to them in the political projects of various minority groups are now complexified by both the increasing economic value of minority languages as a resource of distinction and authenticity, and by the intensified mobility of languages and their speakers. Some of the consequences of this complexification result in re-evaluating relationship between minority and migrant languages and the trajectories of so-called “new speakers” of minority languages.

ICML XVI will address critical questions such as how minority languages are valued, by whom and under what conditions.

The conference is open to researchers, students and stakeholders from across the multidisciplinary field of minority languages.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

In addition to the talks delivered by plenary speakers, the programme will consist of panel discussions, paper and poster sessions, colloquia and workshops.

Talks by **plenary speakers**:

Professor **Helen Kelly Holmes** (University of Limerick, Ireland)

Professor **Ingrid Piller** (Macquarie University, Australia)

Director **Robert Adam** (University College London, UK)

Professor **Sari Pöyhönen** (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)

There will be two invited panel discussions: 1) Historical language minorities in Finland and in the neighboring countries; and 2) Immigration and integration in the Swedish speaking regions of Finland.

Pre- or post-conference workshops will be organized by plenary speakers.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The submission of proposals is now open at <https://congress.cc.jyu.fi/icml2017/cgi-bin/contact.cgi> and closes on **February 28, 2017**. Please, submit your proposal by filling out an online form.

Proposals regarding original and previously unpublished research on minority languages are invited. All proposals should fall broadly within the conference theme *revaluing minority languages*.

Types of presentations: 1) paper, 2) poster, 3) colloquium, and 4) workshop (with hands-on activities based on some data or a specific topic).

Length of abstracts: paper, poster or workshop (500 words, max., including references).

Proposals for colloquia

Colloquia are collections of paper presentations that relate to a narrowly defined topic of interest, and are offered in a three-hour time block. Proposals for colloquia are limited to 700 words, and should include brief summaries of each of the papers to be included, along with paper titles and individual authors' names. Sufficient detail should be provided to allow peer reviewers to judge the scientific merit of the proposal. The person submitting a proposal for a colloquium is responsible for securing the permission and co-operation of all participants before the proposal is submitted. A chair for the session must also be identified.

Language policy

The language of the conference is English. If a presentation is based on data in any other language, use of multilingual material (e.g. in Power Point slides, handouts) is recommended.

The proposals for any type of presentation will be evaluated anonymously by at least two members of the Organizing Committee, and they will be evaluated for their contribution to the field, quality of content, thematic relevance, quality of abstract (organization, clarity of expression).

Presentation acceptances will be sent out by April 10, 2017.

Please visit the website www.jyu.fi/icml2017 for regular updates on ICML XIV.

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