



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Seventh interdisciplinary REAL symposium on language economics and policy

Jyväskylän yliopisto  
(University of Jyväskylä)

2027-05-20 – 2027-05-21

#### ORGANIZERS

REAL (Research group “Economics, policy analysis, and language”) in partnership with the journal *Language Problems & Language Planning* and in cooperation with Andrassy-Universität Budapest, Jyväskylän yliopisto (University of Jyväskylä), and Ulster University organizes an interdisciplinary symposium on 2027-05-20 – 2026-05-21 at Jyväskylän yliopisto (University of Jyväskylä), Finland.

The program committee consists of

- Petri BÖCKERMAN, *Jyväskylän yliopisto (University of Jyväskylä)*
- Michele GAZZOLA, *Ulster University, REAL*
- Dave SAYERS, *Jyväskylän yliopisto (University of Jyväskylä)*
- Bengt-Arne WICKSTRÖM, chair, *Andrassy-Universität Budapest, REAL*

Responsible for the local organization are Dave SAYERS and his team in Jyväskylä.

#### THEME

The REAL symposia aim to discuss all aspects of language economics and language policy; and corresponding contributions are welcome.

Especially welcome are papers that address the rôle of language skills within the context of increasing mobility, for instance in migration, in the labor market, and in education. Contributions to the symposium can cover theoretical and empirical research, or the practical implications

in terms of language policy and impact. The symposium is interdisciplinary, and contributions are accepted from economics, political science, sociology, law, sociolinguistics, and applied linguistics.

Possible themes of submitted papers include, but are not limited to, the following issues:

- The value of languages in the labor market and/or in the economy
- Language skills, education, and labor market outcomes
- Minority language protection and promotion
- Migration and language diversity, human capital, and socio-economic development
- Language economics and policies in the Nordic countries
- Linguistic diversity and internationalization of higher education
- Languages in business and in the private sector
- The professional and economic impacts of AI on language work, including translation, and on wider policies within different sectors
- Theory of human capital in multilingual contexts
- Linguistic diversity in public administration and the private sector
- Language policies and human capital acquisition
- Linguistic justice
- Language policy evaluation
- Promotion and protection of minority language in a context of internal (domestic) mobility

## **SUBMISSION**

Those interested in presenting a paper should send an abstract of no more than 500 words to Bengt-Arne Wickström ([bengt-arne.wickstroem@aub.eu](mailto:bengt-arne.wickstroem@aub.eu)) **before 2026-12-01**.

Selected papers might be considered for a special issue of the journal *Language Problems & Language Planning* and will be subjected to normal refereeing procedures.

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

We are very happy that the following scholars have accepted our invitation to deliver the keynote addresses of the symposium.

- François GRIN  
– Université de Genève

- Johan HÄGGMAN
  - Federal Union of European Nationalities/Die Föderalistische Union Europäischer Nationalitäten/Федералистский Союз Европейских Национальных Меньшинств/Union Fédéraliste des Communautés Ethniques Européenes – FUEN
- Maarit KOPONEN
  - Itä-Suomen yliopisto (University of Eastern Finland)

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The members of the scientific committee will be drawn from the members of REAL not directly involved with the Symposium 2027. Currently they are:

- Ainoa APARICIO FENOLL (*ESOMAS – Università degli Studi di Torino, Collegio Carlo Alberto*)
- Till BURCKHARDT (*Université de Genève*)
- Katalin BUZASI (*Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen*)
- Ramon CAMINAL (*Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica – IAE-CSIC, Barcelona*)
- Marco CIVICO (*Université de Genève*)
- Eva MARKOWSKY (*Universität Potsdam*)
- Daniele MAZZACANI (*Ulster University, Belfast*)
- Ida PINHO (*Kungliga Tekniska högskolan (Royal Institute of Technology) Stockholm*)
- Torsten TEMPLIN (*Berlin*)
- François VAILLANCOURT (*Université de Montréal, CIRANO*)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The home page of the REAL Symposium 2027 can be found [here](#). On the evening before the symposium, participants are invited to an informal welcoming reception. There will also be a dinner in the evening of the first day of the symposium.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 2026-12-01 Deadline for submitting an abstract
- 2027-01-15 Decisions on submitted abstracts
- 2027-01-15 Opening of early registration

- 2027-03-01 Registration deadline for presenters of accepted papers
- 2027-04-16 Begin of late registration period
- 2027-05-19 Welcome reception

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