Call for sessions

at AMLI 2

Approaches to Migration, Language and Identity: Practices, Ideologies and Policies now and then

To take place at the University of Duisburg-Essen, on September 19-21, 2019.

After the success for the first international conference on Approaches to Migration, Language and Identity, AMLI, held in Lausanne in 2017, we would now like to invite contributions of sessions to the joint AMLI 2 and InZentIM (Interdisciplinary Centre for Integration and Migration Research, University of Duisburg-Essen) conference in Essen.

Panels could cover, but are not restricted to, the following topic areas:

1. Which role does language play in migrants’ belonging and emotional attachment to the host country?
2. What similarities and differences characterize situations of cultural crossover between historical, contemporary and future immigrant groups?
3. Which historical changes can be observed in intergenerational language maintenance and language shift in migration contexts?
4. How does migration to small cities and rural communities affect language practices, linguistic integration and the ways migrants engage with each other and members of the host communities?
5. Are language policies influenced by ideologies of homogeneity and monolingualism?
6. How does the use of digital media and technologies (websites, mobile apps, social media networks, mobile telephones) transform the communicative networking of migrants (familial, social, religious and political)?
7. How do media discourses on migrants with their social categorisations impact on attitude formation, stance taking and change over time?
8. What are the consequences for teacher training programs and L2 instruction when fluid and dynamic language practices are taken into account? How can multilingual practices be used in the inclusive classroom?
9. How can the multilingual competences of migrants be harnessed for the labour market?
10. What are adequate tools and methods to analyze language practices of multilinguals and narratives of identity (diaspora-oriented, ethnic-oriented, origin-oriented and transculture-oriented)?

A panel session should have 4 – 6 sessions and could consist of invited speakers, but may also have free slots. We would ask convenors to consider international participation and gender equality in the panels, also in order to meet criteria for the acquisition of external funding.

Proposals for sessions should include

1. The title of the session
2. Name, affiliation and email address of the convenor(s)
3. A description of the topic of the session (300 words)
4. Proposed speakers in the session, including proposed preliminary titles.

Proposals for sessions should be sent to the organizers at amli2019@uni-due.de

The deadline for submitting abstracts for panels is Nov. 15th, 2018.
A separate call for abstracts will be made with a deadline of December 15th, 2018.
Confirmed plenary speakers are:

Piet van Avermaet, Gent
Merel Keijzer, Groningen
Elizabeth Lanza, Oslo
Andreas Niederberger, Duisburg-Essen

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