

People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
Mohamed Kheidher University of Biskra
Faculty of Letters and Languages
Department of English



LAB UNIT: A2LA

9-10 February 2022

CALL FOR PAPERS

Laboratory of Interdisciplinary Studies in Language and Culture (ISLC)
Unit of Applied Linguistics and Language Assessment (A2LA)

THE FIRST ONLINE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

The Linguistic Reality in Algeria: *Language, Identity and Ideology*

HONORARY CHAIRMEN

Prof. Ahmed BOUTERFAIA

Rector of Mohamed Kheidher University of Biskra

Dr. Ibrahim KETHIRI

Dean of the Faculty of Letters and Languages

CONFERENCE CHAIR

Dr. Ahmed Chaouki HOADJLI

1. CONFERENCE MAIN THEME AND SPECIAL FOCUS

Bilingualism is a prevailing sociolinguistic condition worldwide. “Something like 5,000 languages exist in a world divided into only 200 states” (Edwards, 1994, p.44). Crystal (1997) estimates that about two-thirds of the world’s children grow up in a bilingual environment. Cortés (2013) argues that more than half of the world's population is bilingual. The existence of more than one language within one nation state is worth considering, especially when there is contact between the different linguistic groups. In fact, bilingualism is known to introduce a variety of phenomena, including lingua francas, pidgins and creoles, code-switching and borrowing. It may also lead to language death as it can create cases of conflict. As such, multilingual countries are required to take the language question at the highest regard. Of course, language planning becomes an activity of prime importance. In fact, language planning may target pure linguistic ends as it may be motivated by non-linguistic objectives. The rise of independence waves, ethnic conflicts, mass immigration, high numbers of war refugees, nationalism ideologies, minority communities’ activism, high rates of illiteracy and school dropout, international integration, etc are all strong factors that urge a nation state to seriously consider its language policy. Therefore, language planning agents, being macro, meso or micro, should make problem-solving, instead of problem-generating, a first priority. This builds on the slogan that “to plan language is to plan society (Cooper 1989, p.182)

As for Algeria, the country counts a number of codes that, to varying degrees, compete one another. Alegria is ‘de jure’ bilingual as Arabic and Berber are official languages. It is, however, a ‘de facto’ multilingual speech community in the sense that other languages are also present, namely French and, to a lesser (yet growing) extent, English. Traces of other languages, like Spanish and Turkish also still exist. Such reality makes Algeria, borrowing Bourdieu’s term, a linguistic market (*marché linguistique*) where language contact is obviously dominant. This direct contact has, through the years, introduced a variety of sociolinguistic phenomena. The aim of the present conference is to circle the various phenomena from different perspectives, sociolinguistic, pedagogic, cultural, political, etc.

2. CALL FOR PAPERS

The First Online National Conference in Sociolinguistics on “The Linguistic Reality in Algeria: Language, Identity and Ideology”, calls for **ORIGINAL** contributions (**abstracts of no more than 250 words**) addressing one of the main tracks that fall within the main conference theme and special focus. In this respect, participants are invited to submit abstracts following the academic requirements and standards. The conference encourages the submission of studies/investigations that report theoretical studies, as well as practices related to the main theme.

3. BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Allan, R., & Landry. (1986). Subjective ethnolinguistic vitality viewed as a belief system. *Journal of Multilingual Development*, 7, 1-12.
- Cortés, C. E. (2013). *Multicultural America: A multimedia Encyclopaedia*. SAGE Publications, Inc.
- Cooper, R. L. (1989). *Language planning and social change*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Crystal, D. (1997). *English as a global language* (2nd edition). Penguin Books.
- Edwards, J. (1994). Bilingualism and multilingualism. In M.J. Ball (ed.), *Clinical Sociolinguistics* (pp.36-48). Blackwell Publishing.
- Harwood, J., Gilles, H., & Bourhis, R. V. (1994). The genesis of vitality theory: Historical patterns and discursal dimensions. *International Journal of Sociology*, 108, 167 -206.

4. THE SCIENTIFIC / READING COMMITTEE

President: Dr. Ahmed Chaouki HOADJLI | University of Biskra, Algeria

Co-Presidents: Dr. Salim KERBOUA | University of Biskra, Algeria

Dr. Ramdane MEHIRI | University of Biskra, Algeria

Members	Affiliation
Dr. Taoufik DJENNANE	University of Tlemcen, Algeria
Prof. Nadia AHOUARI-IDRI	University of Bejaia, Algeria
Prof. Ghania OUAHMICHE	University of Oran2, Algeria
Dr. Moukhtar HAMADOUCHE	University of Oum El Bouaghi, Algeria
Prof. Bachir BOUHANIA	University of Adrar, Algeria
Prof. Hacene HAMADA	ENS Constantine, Algeria
Prof. Naima HAMLAOUI	University of Annaba, Algeria
Prof. Mohamed MELOUK	University of Sidi Bel-Abbes, Algeria
Prof. Amor GHOUAR	University of Batna2, Algeria
Prof. Saliha CHELLI	University of Biskra, Algeria
Prof. Nadir KAOULI	University of Batna2, Algeria
Prof. Sarah MERROUCHE	University of Oum El Bouaghi, Algeria
Prof. Habib YEHIAOUI	University of Mascara, Algeria
Dr. Walid KEFALI	University of Khenchela, Algeria
Dr. Hanane SAIHI	University of Biskra, Algeria
Dr. Rachid MEHDI	University of Bejaia, Algeria
Dr. Mohamed NAOUA	University of El Oued, Algeria
Dr. Barkat TURKI	University of Biskra, Algeria
Dr. Sabrina BEGHZOU	University of Khenchela, Algeria
Dr. Tarek ASSSASSI	University of Biskra, Algeria
Dr. Mohamed BOUKKAZOULA	University of Jijel, Algeria
Dr. Mourad TOUATI	University of M'sila, Algeria

5. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

President: Mr. Aimen Islam KECHEROUD | University of Biskra, Algeria

Co-President: Ms. Omayma SAIHI | University of Biskra, Algeria

Members	Affiliation
Dr. Moustafa AMRATE	University of Biskra, Algeria
Dr. Chahira NASRI	University of Biskra, Algeria
Dr. Meriem ZEGHDOUD	University of Biskra, Algeria
Dr. Manal TRIKI	University of Biskra, Algeria
Dr. Samir BOUREGUACHE	University of Biskra, Algeria
Mr. Bilal ZENNOU	University of Biskra, Algeria
Ms. Kenza Merghemi	University of Biskra, Algeria
Ms. Halima HAMED	University of Biskra, Algeria
Ms. Meriem HENOUDA	University of Biskra, Algeria
Ms. Kenza SAOU	University of Biskra, Algeria
Ms. Henen CHERIET	University of Biskra, Algeria

6. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Prof. Bachir BOUHANIA
 University of Adrar, Algeria

Prof. Bachir Bouhania got his doctorate es Science (2007) in Sociolinguistics from the University of Oran Es-Sénia. He teaches Bibliographical Research, General Linguistics, Research Methodology, Sociolinguistics, and Phonology to Master 1 and 2 at the department of English, University of Adrar Ahmed Draia, Algeria. He peer-reviews papers for local, national and international journals.



Dr. Taoufik DJENNANE
 University of Tlemcen, Algeria

Dr. Taoufik DJENNANE is an associate professor of sociolinguistics in the Department of English, Tlemcen University, with a teaching experience of more than ten years. His main area of research is language planning and policy. He is also interested in contact linguistics, language variation and pragmatics. He is the author of a number of research papers published in national and international journals.

7. TRACKS

With reference to the Algerian context, researchers are required to submit papers that go in line with the following tracks

1. Issues in language planning and education (language education policy)
2. Linguistic coexistence in a multilingual context
3. Language ecology and ethnolinguistic vitality
4. Language conflict, identity and ideology
5. Dynamics of language contact
6. Language Maintenance and Attrition
7. Internationalisation necessity, linguistic hegemony, and national identity
8. Multilingualism and the Job Market

8. IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

Abstract submission deadline	02 January 2022
Abstract decision notification	16 January 2022
Full paper submission deadline	23 January 2022
Conference	9-10 February 2022

Conference Language: English only.

The full conference programme along with the webinar link will be shared following the abstract decision notification.

For any inquiries and/or questions, please contact a2la.sociolinguistics.2022@gmail.com

APPLICATION FORM

Personal and Professional Information:

First Name(s)

Last Name(s)

Degree(s) / Academic Title(s)

Faculty(ies)

Department(s)

Institution(s)

Email Address(es)

Phone Number(s)

Short Biography(ies)

Selected Track

Title of the Paper

Keywords (5-7 Keywords)

The abstracts ought to be sent to a2la.sociolinguistics.2022@gmail.com

Code

#

