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INVITATION

to the 5th International Conference
in the series “Sociolinguistic Approach to Slavonic Languages”
of the Commission for Sociolinguistics of the International Committee of Slavists

Society of the 21st century – blurring of borders, languages and cultures

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Development of new technologies, opening of physical borders, transferring many social phenomena to the virtual space, where setting borders is constricted and sometimes even impossible, as well facets of cultural globalization set new challenges for the societies of the beginning of the 21st century.

Dynamics of current changes in social communication cause a need to identify new phenomena and to redefine old concepts. Some of the them are: social group defined territorially and socially (town, village), communication group (nation, ethnic group), types and hierarchy of communication units (national and regional languages, dialects, sociolects, professional sociolects). Relatively clear-cut phenomena with distinctive constitutive features, sometimes administratively codified (such as official national standard language, system of speech genres, official vs unofficial communication etc) get replaced, especially in the social space, by phenomena with blurred borders and indistinct parameters (such as mixed speech genres, unofficial communication in public sphere, regional standards of national languages). Borders between social and communicational categories get blurred, social and communicational processes become indistinct, there is more and more noise in communication, especially in mass communication.

The Conference will be an attempt to answer some questions about the dynamics of changes in social communication at the beginning of the 21st century. The proposed set of research areas is as follows:

- redefinition of the social and communication units, such as town, village, region, local community;
- concept of physical and/or virtual border, blurring of language borders;
- research methodology of contemporary changes in communication, complementarity of research methods;
- polycode communication, semi-communication, active and passive competences in intercultural contacts, closely related languages and typologically similar languages, bi- and multilingualism;

- contemporary media, changes of communication patterns, new media genres, mixed media genres;
- phenomenon of interpenetration and mixing language styles in linguistic communication, language stylisation and code mixing;
- formal and informal communication in virtual world, tasks and tools of language policy in conditions of mass communications.

DEADLINES

Abstract submission deadline: the end of February, 2020, with the application form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrLN8zNcW5P1RsAxWEB26UQ3y2ed9qve3eIXzrG060CkzxA/viewform>

Acceptance notification deadline and the preliminary conference programme: end of March, 2020.

The organisers reserve the right to reject submissions.

FEES

Registration fee is 80 EUR / 350 PLN. It covers: participation in the conference, conference materials, publication in the conference volume, refreshments during the coffee breaks, lunches, conference dinner as well as a trip. The conference fee **does not cover** the travel and accommodation costs.

Fee payment deadline: May 15, 2020.

PUBLICATION

Submitted papers will be published in the “Slavia Meridionalis” journal: <https://ispan.waw.pl/journals/index.php/sm/index>

Papers submission deadline: the end of September 2020.

LANGUAGES

Languages of the Conference are: all the Slavic languages as well as English.

For specific questions please contact the Organising Committee at: socjolingwistyka2020@uw.edu.pl.

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