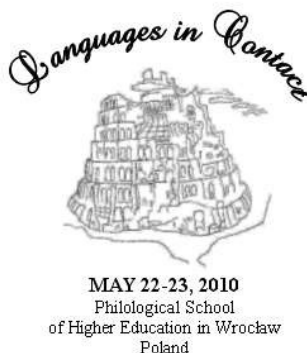


**Events**



**Call for Papers**  
**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
***LANGUAGES IN CONTACT***  
**May 22-23, 2010**

Venue: Philological School of Higher Education in Wrocław, Poland

**Organized by:**

Committee for Philology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Wrocław Branch  
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**Confirmed** plenary speakers:

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**Selected conference topics:***Conceptions about the Origin of Language and Languages**Endangered and Vanishing Languages**The Ecology of Minority Languages**Anthropological Linguistics**Cultural Patterns in Discursive Practices**Folk-Linguistics and Folk-Anthropology**Mechanisms of Language Change (and Language Death)**The Description and Classification (Genetic, Aerial, Typological) of the Languages of The World**The Ethnography of Communication**Studies of Pidgin, Creole and Mixed Languages**The Origins and Spread of Writing Systems**Field Linguistics*

“The attempts to classify mankind are numerous.”

**Franz Boas**, (1911: 6) “Introduction.” [In:] *The Handbook of American Indian Languages*. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology. Bulletin 40, 1-95.

“Of all aspects of culture, it is a fair guess that language was the first to receive a highly developed form and that its essential perfection is a prerequisite to the development of culture as a whole.”

**Edward Sapir**, (1937: 155) “Language.” [In:] Edwin A. Seligman (editor-in-chief) *Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences*. Vol. 9; New York: Macmillan, 155-169.

“1. The discipline of linguistics will continue to contribute studies of the history, structure, and use of languages; 2. in other disciplines, linguistic concepts and practices will be qualified, reinterpreted, subsumed, and perhaps sometimes re-diffused in changed form into linguistics; 3. linguistics will remain the discipline for coordinating knowledge about verbal behaviour from the viewpoint of language itself.”

**Dell H. Hymes**, (1962: 13) “The Ethnography of Speaking.” [In:] T. Galdwin, William Sturtevant (eds.) *Anthropology and Human Behaviour*. Washington, D.C.: The Anthropological Society of Washington, 13-53.

“The possibility of insult and of humour based on linguistic choices means that members agree on the underlying rules of speech and on the social meaning of linguistic features.”

**Susan M. Ervin-Tripp**, (1964: 93) “Sociolinguistics.” [In:] Leonard Berkovitz (ed.) *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology*. Vol. 4. New York: Academic Press, 93-107.

“As culture contact is perhaps the most common vector of culture change, the nature of this contact is often manifested in linguistic change.”

**William A. Foley**, (1997: 384) *Anthropological Linguistics*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.

“(…) Linguistic anthropology is a distinct discipline that deserves to be studied for its past accomplishments as much as for the vision of the future presented in the work of a relatively small but active group of interdisciplinary researchers.”

**Alessandro Duranti**, (1997: 1) *Linguistic Anthropology*. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press.

“The development of a comprehensive written visual language caused civilization to grow more complex. (...) Literacy gives cultures the privilege of knowing the past.”

**Denise Schmandt-Besserat**, (2007: 105) *When Writing Met Art. From Symbol to Story*. Austin: University of Texas Press.

The conference will consist of keynote lectures and parallel paper sessions. The language of the conference will be English.

Selected and reviewed conference papers, after the acceptance of the editor, will be collected and published as one of our book series *Philologica Wratislaviensia: Acta et Studia*.

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### **Important dates:**

Closing date for the submission of abstracts: March 10, 2010

Notification of acceptance: March 31, 2010

Registration fee should be sent by: April 15, 2010

### **Submission of Proposals and Registration:**

Be so kind as to send your abstract in English (of up to 500 words with selected bibliography) by March 10, 2010 to the conference secretary:

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**Conference fee:**

390 PLN (approx. 98 EUR)

(including a banquet and conference materials)

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- Location of the conference venue: [www.wsf.edu.pl/240989.xml](http://www.wsf.edu.pl/240989.xml)

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