International Conference

Bilingualism and interculturality: challenges, limits and solutions.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Dpto. Filologías Extranjeras y sus Lingüísticas
UNED: Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia
Madrid, Spain.

November 29th - 30th, 2018

Conference website: www.biuned.weebly.com

Over the last decade an array of bilingual programmes has been implemented in Spain and other European countries, each of them with different approaches and in different contexts. At the same time a number of conferences and research seminars have analysed the advances in and advantages of bilingual education regardless of cost. Despite the foregoing, few critical voices have been raised in academic contexts to analyse the real impact of bilingualism in schools and its repercussions for student and teacher needs as well as the school management challenge it creates. There is also a lack of correlation between what families know about bilingualism, what they think about bilingual education, and what they expect from bilingual programs.

This conference attempts not only to analyse more deeply what we know about bilingualism and interculturality but also to stimulate alternatives to the well-documented weaknesses of bilingual education, which have so far been identified more often by the press than by academia. This conference will focus on the lack of development in oral communicative skills and the significance of teaching specialized and technical vocabulary in secondary education which, while useful for dealing with academic subjects, has little impact on general oral communication. The conference will also discuss the danger of not attaining adequate communicative skills in the first language, the absence of intercultural contents or aims, the inadequacy of teaching resources, etc.

This conference sets out to be a forum for a critical analysis and discussion of the aforementioned weaknesses and seeks to provide alternatives which will help solve these and other problems.

Proposals related to English-Spanish or Spanish-English bilingual institutions will be given preference, but proposals based on other language combinations, including either English or Spanish in them, will also be welcome. Nevertheless, proposals must be related to the main theme to be accepted.

Plenary speakers:

Professor *Tony Liddicoat* (University of Warwick)
Professor *Pádraig Ó Duibhir* (Dublin City University)
Professor *Li Wei* (University College London)

Those interested in taking part as speakers are requested to consider the following information:

1. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND DEADLINE:

Participation is open to all those interested in the conference theme. Proposals for **papers** in English or Spanish are welcome. It is worth-noting that presentations will last **20 minutes**, followed by **10 minutes** for **discussion** at the end. The **deadline** for submission is **July 11th 2018.**

In order to submit a proposal you will need:

Presentation title (max. 15 words)

Key words (max. 5 words)

Abstract (300-400 words, not including references) The abstract must be followed by 5-10 references.

Short Biodata (max. 200 words)

All proposals must be submitted online via *EasyChair*. While abstracts should be inserted (typed/pasted) directly into the relevant section on *EasyChair*, authors' biodata must be uploaded as PDF files. The procedure for creating an account, if you don't have one, and submitting your proposal is as follows (skip steps 1-3 if you have an *EasyChair* account already)

1. Go to https://easychair.org/account/signup.cgi

2. Complete the CAPTCHA authentication procedure and click on "Continue"

3. After you've filled in the form, *EasyChair* will send you an email with a link that you can use to complete the account creation.

4. Log into your *Easychair* account, click on the following link or copy and paste it into your browser's address bar https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=biuned2018

5. Click on "Enter as an Author"

6. Fill in the form with your details and click on "Submit"

2. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE:

A written acceptance or refusal of proposals will be sent by e-mail no later than **July 18th 2018.**

3. REGISTRATION:

Once a proposal has been accepted, payment must be made online. Click **here** for further information.

The conference fees are as follows:

	Until Oct. 1st	After Oct. 1st.
Speakers:	110 €	150 €
Speakers (doctoral students & partner institutions):	90 €	130 €
Attendees:	40 €	55 €

The registration fee entitles you to the following:

- Attendance and/or participation.
- Free conference pack.
- Free coffee breaks.
- Free lunches (Thursday and Friday).
- Certificate of participation/attendance.

For registration go to: https://www.fundacion.uned.es/actividad/idactividad/17247

(NOTE: In case of co-authorship, only one presenter or participant should register for the conference.)

4. PUBLICATION:

A selection of the papers presented at the conference will be published in Spanish journal *Studies in Applied English Linguistics / Estudios de Lingüística Inglesa Aplicada* (ELIA) (http://revistas.uned.es/index.php/ELIA/index). All oral presenters will be invited to submit revised versions of their papers for possible inclusion in the journal.

5. INFORMATION: For further information, please contact the **organizing committee** at the e-mail or address povided provided below.

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