



“Integrationism and Philosophies of Language: Emerging Alternative Epistemologies in the Global North and the Global South”

The Annual Conference of the International Association for the Integrational Study of Language and Communication (August 30-September 2, 2019)

Conference Objectives and Call for Papers

The annual International Conference on Integrationism (aka Integrational Linguistics) will be held at the Pennsylvania State University, August 30 to September 2, 2019, hosted by the Department of Applied Linguistics and the African Studies program. Integrationism is a theory of communication that emphasizes innovative participation within contexts and rejects rule-based models of language. Integrationism rejects the notion of distinctions between language and non-language. Ideas about integrationism have permeated substantial areas of language studies.

The main objective of the conference is to systematically explore the nature of the overlap and the disjunctures between core ideas about Integrationism and certain philosophies of language, including Socio-Cultural Theory, Critical Discourse Theory, Identity, Translanguaging, and Systemic Functional Theory, as well as Colonial and Postcolonial Theory.

Growing out of these disjunctures, we hope to contribute towards the development of scholarship in Applied Linguistics and African Studies from decidedly Global South perspectives, that is those regions of the world which have been the object of colonialism. These perspectives have also been labeled under the term Southern Theory. The Global South is also found in the Global North in regions and parts of cities occupied by immigrants and the socio-politically and economically vulnerable.

In addressing issues about Southern Theory in Linguistic Theory and African Studies, participants are asked to address one or more of the following questions:

How can these philosophies of language contribute to our understanding of Southern Theory?

What is the impact of Southern Theory on scholarship in the Global North?

How can a critique of Eurocentricism be made from a non-Eurocentric perspective, and how does this perspective differ from Critical Applied Linguistics?
What is the nature of the relationship between decolonial theory and Southern Theory either in Applied Linguistics or African Studies?

Format of the conference:

The conference will be comprised of presentations of individual papers of 40 to 45 minutes, with 15 minutes for discussion and theme-related round table discussions. Abstracts of a maximum of 300 words must be submitted to Sinfree Makoni sinfreemakoni@hotmail.com by March 31, 2019. Decisions regarding the status of submission will be made by May 31, 2019.

Educational Workshops: The conference will begin with two days of workshops (Friday, August 30, and Saturday, August 31, 2019) for graduate students and other interested attendees that address theoretical and empirical issues related to Integrationism. Graduate students who wish to attend the conference are encouraged to attend the educational workshops, which will be led by these scholars:

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Expressions of interest in taking part in the workshop should be made by to Deryn Verity dpv3@psu.edu by January 30, 2019.

Full registration details will be available by Nov. 1, 2018.

Conveners of the conference:

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