

10th BAAL Language, Gender and Sexuality SIG Meeting
Language, Discrimination and Conflict
Call for papers

Thursday, 27th April 2017
University of Nottingham, UK

There is an ongoing need, both within and beyond the field of language, gender and sexuality, to address issues of discrimination and conflict as they are played out through language. At this event, we will explore the ways in which language can ignite and perpetuate discriminatory practices, yet can also be a vehicle through which such discrimination can be resisted or challenged. We will also consider how conflict between opposing groups or norms associated with gender and/or sexuality may be linguistically constructed, rationalised, and defused. We aim to bring together a range of researchers interested in issues of language, discrimination and conflict in relation to gender and/or sexuality, and to explore possible ways in which these issues can be addressed. This one-day event will include presentations by two invited speakers, a selection of paper presentations, and opportunities for discussion.

Confirmed invited speakers

Professor Celia Kitzinger (University of York)
Dr. Erez Levon (Queen Mary University of London)

Paper presentations

We invite paper presentations which address themes of language, discrimination and conflict, with a particular focus on gender and/or sexuality. Each presenter will have 20 minutes for their talk, followed by 10 minutes for questions. Suggested themes include, but are not limited to:

- Representations of victimhood
- Discourses of violence and abuse
- Sexist, transphobic, and homophobic discrimination
- Conflicting identities and ideologies

Format for proposals

Proposals should be submitted to Jai Mackenzie and Lucy Jones (event organisers) at lgas2017@gmail.com as a Word document. Please provide a title and an abstract of no more than 300 words. Please also include your name, institutional affiliation, and email address.

Key dates

- 10th February 2017 – deadline for submissions
- 3rd March 2017 – notification of acceptance

Cost of event (including lunch, refreshments and the event programme)

- Full fee - £45
- BAAL members - £40
- Concessionary fee - £35

Registration will be available from 3rd March 2017 at <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/lgas10/>

For more information, please contact Jai Mackenzie and Lucy Jones at lgas2017@gmail.com.

Note this event takes place the day before the 24th Lavender Languages and Linguistics conference, also being held at the University of Nottingham. For more information, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/lavlang24.