

Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies Journal
CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Special Issue:

Taalpolitiek in Suid-Afrika, 1910 tot 2010 / Language politics in South Africa, 1910 to 2010.

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THE GUEST EDITORS OF THIS SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE SALALS JOURNAL ARE NOW CALLING FOR PROPOSED CONTRIBUTIONS.

Background information

For various reasons, the year 2010 will comprise an important landmark in the history of South Africa. One of these reasons pertains to the commemoration of the founding of the Union of South Africa in 1910 – the first united national structure to be established on South African soil, and the forerunner of the republican state that was established in 1961, which is judicially regarded as the first South African state. However, the commemoration of the Union of South Africa is also very important from a language-political point of view, for two main reasons: the development of the so-called dual-stream philosophy, which comprised the ideological foundation of official bilingualism in English and Dutch /Afrikaans; and the establishment of Bantu education – one of the main pillars on which the apartheid ideology was constructed. Both of these developments ultimately had a lasting impact on the course of language-political events in South Africa. Their after-effects are still present, as can be observed, for example, in the contemporary discourse on mother-tongue education, language development, language justice, etcetera.

Rationale

Although reviews regarding language in South Africa do, in fact, thoroughly take account of the fundamental principles of language policy, as laid down since the Union period, exclusive attention has not been accorded, to date, to the comprehensive kind of review that is envisaged here. A special issue of SALALS which undertakes to provide such a review would comprise an important supplementation of existing sources in the study of language politics in South Africa, as well as in respect of language in general in this country. In any case, such a publication would be the first comprehensive review of language policy development to be released during the 100-year period up to the present time.

Objective

The primary objective of the Union Supplementum would be to provide a critical overview of language-political development in South Africa from the establishment of the Union of South Africa in 1910 up to and including the year 2010.

Themes

Researched articles providing reviews on developments in the following domains (in terms of Kenneth McRae's 1975 language-policy model) will be included:

- Politics and government (legislatures, courts, national administration, provincial government, local government, security forces, etc.)
- Education (primary and secondary, higher education, etc.)
- Mass media (electronic media, the press, book publications, etc.)
- The working world (communication with the public – including, *inter alia*, advertising and promotion, public signs, communication between enterprises and their employees, liberal professions, licensed trade, small businesses, etc.)
- Culture and recreation (churches, voluntary organisations, entertainment, sport, etc.)

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