



LANGUAGE INDEXICALITY AND BELONGING

LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY CONFERENCE

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CALL FOR PAPERS

ORGANISING COMMITTEE: Kinga Kozminska, Leonie Schulte, Dr. Nancy Hawker, Dr. Stephen Leonard

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Professor Deborah Cameron (University of Oxford), Dr Erez Levon (Queen Mary University of London), Professor Norma Mendoza-Denton (University of California, Los Angeles), Dr Catherine Miller (Aix-Marseille Universite), Professor David Parkin (University of Oxford), Professor Michael Silverstein (University of Chicago)

This 2-day conference brings together leading scholars and graduates in linguistic anthropology and related fields in order to explore the relationship between languages and senses of belonging. Focus is placed on the indexical character of language in the modern, changing world as manifest in communicative practices that are impacted by social, political and economic processes that bring different languages or forms of language into contact. Participants in three dedicated conference panels will examine how global, state, local and institutional aspects of belonging are indexed through language, how these levels can be distinguished from one another, and how linguistic anthropology and sociolinguistics can account for related linguistic transformations.

At the conference we would like to address such questions as:

- Are ideas of citizenship on the one hand and national identity on the other being conflated? What role does language play in these debates?
- How do migrants appropriate and challenge existing language ideologies and norms?
- In a globalized world, what does it mean to 'sound' local? What does it mean to 'sound' like a national? Can local communicative practices transcend local environments?
- How does the development of multiethnolects, such as those emerging in ethnically mixed and economically disadvantaged areas of some European cities, challenge or even redefine understandings of the relationship between language and social class, ethnicity, gender, but also national and local belonging?



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We invite 20-minute-long papers contributing to the debate on the relationship between language and regional, national and transnational affiliations contested on social, economic and policy-based levels.

Preference will be given to papers based on fieldwork conducted in the last three years. The papers given at the conference will be published through open access platforms.

Submissions of 500-word abstracts with keywords and short bios should be sent to lib.conference2016@gmail.com.

Abstracts will undergo blind review, so please make sure that your submission is properly blinded. The deadline for submissions is **December 15, 2015**. Accepted speakers will be notified on **February 1, 2016**.

There will be a conference fee, which will be confirmed in December.

For more information visit our website which we will be updating regularly.
<http://libconference.wix.com/libconference2016>

*The Language, Indexicality and Belonging Conference is an organisation which contracts with the College for the use/hire of facilities, but which has no formal connection with Somerville College.



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