**The Fourth ISLOJ**

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE LANGUAGES OF JAVA**

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Bung Hatta University

Padang, Sumatra, Indonesia

**The island of Java** is home to several major languages. Javanese—spoken mainly in Central and East Java— is the world’s 10th or 11th largest language in number of native speakers. It has one of the oldest and fullest recorded histories of any Austronesian language. It also has been of considerable interest to scholars because of the system of speech levels or speech styles found in a number of varieties of Javanese. Sundanese—spoken in West Java— has over 27 million speakers, and Madurese—spoken on the neighboring island of Madura and throughout parts of East Java—has over 13 million speakers. Varieties of both of these languages have speech level systems and such systems can also be found in the geographically, historically, and linguistically related languages on the neighboring islands of Bali and Lombok. Each of these languages displays a range of dialects, isolects, continua, and contact varieties and yet they have received relatively little attention from linguists. With this symposium, we offer an opportunity for scholars working on any aspect of Javanese, Sundanese, Madurese, Balinese and Sasak to come together and share their findings. We aim to encourage and promote continued research on these important and unique languages.

**Abstracts** are invited for papers to be presented on any linguistic topics dealing with the languages of Java and its environs—Javanese, Sundanese, Madurese, Balinese, and Sasak. Papers on other languages will be judged according to their relevance to the symposium topic. Papers are welcome from any subfield of linguistics and using any approach or theoretical background. Studies of non-standard(ized) versions, dialects, and isolects, including contact varieties, are particularly welcome. All papers are to be presented in English.

Abstracts of one-page [data and references may be on a second page] should be submitted in electronic form (PDF AND MSWord) to Thomas Conners at the following address: <tconners AT umd.edu>

**Deadline** for submission of abstracts: March 1, 2013

**Announcement** of acceptance: March 15, 2013.

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Please note that the 17th International Symposium on Malay-Indonesian Linguistics (ISMIL 15) will be held immediately following ISLOJ, also in Padang, on 8-9 June, 2013. For more information see: <http://www.eva.mpg.de/~gil/ismil/17>

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