

INDONESIAN LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS: STATE OF THE FIELD

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 16 – 18, 2020

ATMA JAYA CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, SEMANGGI, JAKARTA, INDONESIA

CALL FOR PAPERS

The landscape of Indonesian languages and linguistics is rich and dynamic. Indonesia is home to about 700 languages, roughly ten percent of the languages of the world. Among these is Indonesian, an emergent major world language spoken as a first or second language by some 260 million people. The instantiation and development of Standard Indonesian as a national language, the increasing number of Indonesians reporting use of Indonesian as a primary language, the language contact scenarios between Indonesian and hundreds of other languages of Indonesia (Austronesian, non-Austronesian and colonial), and the implication of shift toward Indonesian in the endangerment of hundreds of languages – these are all part of the dynamic linguistic situation in Indonesia. Indonesia thus serves as a profoundly important case study for multilingualism, language endangerment, language documentation, and emerging new varieties.

The *Indonesian Languages and Linguistics: State of the Field conference* (InLaLi) aims to bring together scholars and researchers to assess the state of the field of study of Indonesian languages and linguistics.

The conference will be structured with open parallel sessions surrounding four plenary panels, addressing the following key issues:

Language documentation and description

- What is the state of language documentation and description of the languages of Indonesia, including new varieties?
- How does documentation contribute to language description and linguistic typology and vice versa?
- What are the best practices for documenting and describing the languages of Indonesia?

Language use in multilingual contexts

- How can we characterize the shifting multilingual landscape of Indonesia, both synchronically and diachronically?
- What is the relationship between language and identity in different communities in Indonesia?
- What are the language ideologies in Indonesia associated with multilingualism and multilingual language use?

Language endangerment and vitality

- What are the factors that support the maintenance of local languages and what factors accelerate language shift?
- How can we characterize language endangerment scenarios in Indonesia?
- What models of language maintenance or revitalization best apply in Indonesia?

Emerging varieties of spoken Indonesian

- How can we provide much needed documentation of emerging spoken varieties? Are there shared features of emerging varieties that are unexpected cross-linguistically?
- Are emerging varieties of spoken Indonesian stable?
- What is the interaction between regional/emerging Indonesian varieties and established Malay, Malayic, and Malay-based varieties?

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We are excited to announce the participation of the following scholars:

Jermy Balukh, STIBA Cakrawala Nusantara; Dwi Novi Djenar, University of Sydney; Michael Ewing, Melbourne University; David Gil, Max Planck Institute for Social and Human History; Marian Klamer, Leiden University; Eri Kurniawan, Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia; M.T. and Allan Lauder, University of Indonesia; Bradley McDonnell, University of Hawaii; Nicholas Palfreyman, University of Lancaster; Bambang Kaswanti Purwo, Atma Jaya Catholic University; Sonja Rieseberg, University of Cologne & Australia National University; Antonia Soriente, University of Naples; Kristan Tamtomo, Atma Jaya University, Yogyakarta

Abstracts are invited presentations on linguistic topics that address the state of the field of Indonesian languages and linguistics. Papers may address topics within the four focal areas provided above, or any aspect of the study of Indonesian languages and linguistics that is relevant to the conference themes. Papers will be allotted 20 minutes for presentation with 10 minutes for discussion. All talks will be in English.

Anonymous abstracts of up to 500 words [data and references may be included on a second page] should be submitted in electronic form (PDF and MSWord) to <InLaLi2020@gmail.com>. Please indicate name, affiliation, and the title of the abstract in the body of the email or on a cover page.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: September 1, 2019

Announcement of acceptance: September 30, 2019

We are exploring options for and expect to publish selected proceedings from the conference. We also hope to make small, need-based travel grants available, pending funding.

For further information, please see the conference website: <https://indoling.com/inlali>

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