



National Law University, Delhi
Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi (India)

Call for Papers

National Conference on Language Diversity, Endangerment, and Vitalization: Agenda and Roadmap

21 January 2017

The conference aims at exploring the issues, as listed below in the research agenda of the project on indigenous and endangered languages, amongst the scholars of the field with somewhat different focus areas and approaches, so that they can bring with them different perspectives and enrich the existing understanding of the study of language endangerment. The focus all the while shall remain on the languages under threat in the region of Delhi-NCR and adjoining areas. As we know, India houses four distinct language families with hundreds of languages as classified members, which are Indo-Aryan, Dravidian, Tibeto-Burman and Astro-Asiatic Languages (i.e. indigenous languages of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands). The constitution of India enlists 22 languages in its 8th Schedule and 38 languages are on the doorstep demanding inclusion. However, these numbers do not represent the linguistic diversity of the region. The processes of standardization and homogenization amongst others have created threat to hundreds of languages of the country and consequently leading to their extinction. Language is an integral part of the social identity and ethnicity of a group. In order to preserve a social group's or tribe's cultural identity, it is essential to understand the urgency and draw a roadmap for preserving their cultural, social and linguistic heritage and identity. This conference aims at starting a renewed discourse and a series of initiatives on such issues by expanding the horizons of research and applications of linguistics to the fields of social planning and welfare. We require supporting and promoting research in Indigenous and Endangered Languages paying greater attention to the marginal languages, non-scheduled languages, languages of tribal and nomadic communities and the languages that deserve a measure of social empathy and academic attention for promoting social justice. In this context this conference will place major thrust on framing policies and drawing roadmap for future course of actions.

Sub-themes of the Conference- The sub-themes of the conference include but are not limited by the following:

- a. Language Endangerment
- b. Language Documentation
- c. Language Vitalization
- d. Language Politics
- e. Language Policy and Implementation
- f. Language Contact and Hybridity
- g. Language Convergence
- h. Language Death
- i. And from other related areas pertaining to the above themes in Anthropology, Sociology, Sociolinguistics, Media Studies etc.

Specifications for the Abstract- All the abstracts received are subject to blind review and only those papers whose abstracts get approved by the reviewers will be selected for presentation. Kindly register and provide the abstracts electronically on <https://goo.gl/forms/BI9IgfniXcNnBiOg1>, or [please click here](#)

- a. Word limit: 200-250
- b. Font: Times New Roman
- c. Font size: 12"
- d. Spacing: 1.15
- e. Key Words: 5-7

Important:

- Abstract Submission: 10 January 2017
- Venue: National Law University
Dwarka, New Delhi
- Time: Reporting and Registration at 9:00 am
- Date: **21 January 2017**

Registration:

As this conference is funded under the UGC Project, there will be no registration fee charged and the local hospitality shall be taken care of. To register follow this link <https://goo.gl/forms/BI9lgfniXcNnBiOg1>, or please click [here](#)

Accommodation:

This conference is for one day and there is no provision for accommodation for any of the delegates and they are requested to make their own arrangement in case there is a need to do so. However, we can extend help in booking it on your behalf, at a suitably located place, against advance payment.

Travel Allowance:

The TA to the delegates will be reimbursed as per the permissible rates of the UGC. Local hospitality will be taken care of on the day of the conference.

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