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Linguacultural Spaces: Inclusion, Extension and Identification in Discourse and Society



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The concept of a Postgraduate Symposium on ***Linguacultural Spaces: Inclusion, Extension and Identification in Discourse and Society*** grew from previous collaboration between academics at **CeSLiC (Centre for Linguistic-Cultural Studies)** at the Department of Modern Languages of the University of Bologna (LILEC) and at the **School of Critical Studies** at the University of Glasgow, particularly in connection with the DIVE-IN Conference (*Diversity and Inclusion: Overcoming Fragmentation*) organised in Bologna by LILEC in 2019 and at which **Tom Bartlett** (Glasgow) gave a plenary lecture. On the back of this collaboration, a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions was signed in September 2019 in order to further collaborative research.

The current symposium represents the first concrete outcome of this agreement, but also serves to enhance the **collaborative ethos** of the agreement and to create broader inter-institutional ties through the inclusion of the **Babylon Centre for the Study of Superdiversity at Tilburg University** and the **School of Modern Languages and Cultures in Glasgow**. The Babylon Centre is internationally recognised as at the cutting edge of **sociolinguistic research** into the questions of integration, diversity and voice that are raised by increased mobility (voluntary and enforced) in the 21st century, while the Language and Society Research Cluster within the School of Modern Languages and



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Cultures in Glasgow has become a crucible for the study of **linguacultural diasporas** and **new speakers of minority languages**, focusing on issues of **identity, belonging** and **space** in a supralocal world.

Each of the four institutions has an active research culture in the sociolinguistics of diversity and inclusion and this symposium offers the **chance for postgraduate students at each to share their knowledge and to learn from and mutually support each other** in what we hope will be an ongoing process of diversity and inclusion in itself.

We welcome abstracts from PhD students (**200-300 words** plus bibliographic references), at any stage of their research, about any topics related to inclusion, extension and identification, broadly understood, with a focus on languages and cultures.

Three or four abstracts will be selected from each institution, and each talk will be assigned a time slot of **15 minutes**, followed by discussion.

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