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***10th International Conference on Language, Culture, and Mind*:**

**Celebrating Linguistic and Cultural Diversity**

**First Call for Papers**

**Venue:** Masaryk University, Brno, Czechia

**Dates:** 11-14 July 2024 (Thursday morning to Sunday noon)

The *Language, Culture, and Mind* (LCM) conference series provides an interdisciplinary and international forum for dialogue and exchange in and between biological, cognitive, social, and cultural perspectives in theoretical and empirical studies of language and communication. As has long been recognized, no single discipline or methodology is sufficient to capture all the dimensions of language as a complex and multifaceted phenomenon, which lies at the heart of what it is to be human.

The theme of this jubilee LCM conference, the 10th in the series which will take place 20 years after the first LCM, is ‘Celebrating Linguistic and Cultural Diversity’.

We invite contributions in any area of interest to the LCM community from scholars and scientists in anthropology, biology, education, linguistics, philosophy, psychology, semiotics, semantics, discourse analysis, cognitive sciences, and neurosciences who wish both to impart their insights and findings, and to learn from other disciplines.

**Keynote Speakers:** TBA

**Topics** include but are not limited to:

* New vistas in multicultural neurolinguistics / cultural neuroscience
* Language and brain development in multilingual environments
* Intercultural communication in multicultural settings
* Biocultural language science, evolution and the post-human imagination
* Language, culture and emotion
* Language and communication disorders in multicultural contexts
* Language contact, literacies and hybridization in the global digital universe
* Language, identity and ageing minds
* Linguistic discrimination, culture wars and the politics of language and culture
* Language in ‘post-truth’ discourses, infodemics, conspiracy theories and propaganda
* Preservation and revitalization of endangered languages and cultures
* Indigenous minority perspectives on language, culture, mind and identity
* Language, cultural and identity heritages of mixed-race individuals
* Machine learning, text analysis and Large Language Models
* Linguistic landscapes in multicultural environments

The format of the conference is hybrid. We will meet in Brno in person and we will also organize accessible online sessions for scholars who for different reasons find traveling difficult. The plenary and roundtable slots will be 1 hour long (a 45-minute presentation followed by a 10-minute discussion and 5 minutes for room change); the general session slots will be 30 minutes long (20 minutes for presentation followed by a 5-minute discussion and 5 minutes for room change). There will also be structured poster sessions. Each contributor may submit a maximum of two abstracts as an author (a solo-authored abstract and a co-authored abstract, or two co-authored abstracts).

Theme session proposals should include: the session title, the name and affiliation of the theme session organizer, an introduction of around 300 words (excluding examples and references) explaining the theme, as well as a list of the authors and titles of the individual papers. A theme session may consist of four to six papers, plus an introduction by the convenors and a discussion in the last slot.

**Important dates:**

15 October 2023: Publication of 1st circular

30 November 2023: Deadline for theme session proposals

15 December 2024: Notification of acceptance for theme session proposals, publication of 2nd circular

15 February 2024: Deadline for abstract submissions

15 March 2024: Notification of acceptance, early-bird registration starts

30 April 2024: Early-bird registration ends

31 May 2024: Registration closes

**LCM10 features:**

* Roundtable: Language, Culture, and Mind 20 years on and visions of the future
* Emerging Research Scholars’ Workshop
* A 2-week summer school immediately following the conference, organized by local colleagues in cooperation with Masaryk University’s International Office (info to follow in 2nd circular).

*Mark LCM-10 in your calendar!*

**Local organizing team:**

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