

## BRIDGES AND WALLS IN METALINGUISTIC DISCOURSE

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Deadline for submissions: March 31, 2004

The purpose of this conference is to bring together different fields of language studies to uncover the extent of their interplay in the contemporary linguistic debate. How autonomous is linguistics? To what extent do autonomous vs. multidirectional approaches to language help to account for contemporary and historical language change and variation? Are linguists interested in, or capable of, communicating across methodological and ideological difference?

We welcome in particular papers demonstrating interdisciplinary approaches to language, incorporating theoretical and empirical dimensions of linguistic investigation. We also encourage contributions that apply modern theories and methods to historical data, those that evaluate the condition of modern linguistics, and make projections for the future of the field.

Major topics for discussion within the frame of the conference:

Autonomy and interdisciplinarity in modern and historical linguistics;

Interrelations between theory and praxis in modern and historical linguistics;

Modern linguistics: in search for a new paradigm?

Integrated approaches to language and communication studies;

Modular and non-modular approaches to language;

Academic communication among linguists: alignment, bashing, silence;

Linguistic ideologies and power of academic institutions;

Linguistics in modern society: social validation of the discipline.

We welcome papers incorporating various perspectives on language, including sociolinguistics, intercultural communication, contrastive linguistics, multilingualism, discourse analysis, discourse semantics, text linguistics, genre analysis, pragmatics, historical linguistics, corpus linguistics, gender studies.

## **Keynote Speakers**

Wolfgang Dressler Tomasz P. Krzeszowski Theo van Leeuwen Terttu Nevalainen Heinz Vater Jef Verschueren

Conference organizers: Anna Duszak Urszula Okulska

## **Papers**

Individual papers (20 min. paper /10 min. discussion) and workshop proposals are invited. Abstracts (500 words), with the author's name, affiliation, e-mail address, and paper title should be sent electronically through the abstract submission link by March 31, 2004 to Urszula Okulska (globe at mercury ci uw edu pl). Notification of acceptance will be sent to the authors by May 15, 2004. Selected papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

## **Conference Organizers**

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