



Small Language Planning: Communities in Crisis

University of Glasgow

6th-8th June 2016

Confirmed Plenary Speakers:

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Building on the success of the Soillse conferences held in 2011 and 2015, this conference aims to provide a forum for minority language researchers, policy makers, practitioners and activists to exchange research findings and experiences in order to stimulate fresh perspectives on minority language revitalisation and to identify new areas for collaboration in this area. Although not limited to small language planning, the particular focus of this year's conference lies in issues pertinent to language planning at the meso and micro levels, strategic interventions in support of minority language groups with weaker demographic densities, as well as to minority languages considered 'stateless' and/or without state support.

Presentations may take one of four formats: paper presentations (20 minute paper + 10 minute for questions); poster presentations; panels; or discussion groups. Both panels and discussion groups will be scheduled for 90-minute blocks in length. Panels are intended to be a series of linked papers on a particular theme, while discussion groups are intended to serve as a more informal platform to raise and debate key issues in language planning. Facilitators are encouraged to be creative in how they mediate the various discussion groups.

Abstracts for paper or poster presentations should be no more than 300 words, not including references. Abstracts for panels should include each individual abstract plus a rationale of no more than 300 words for the panel as a whole. Discussion groups should also be no more than 300 words and should include the names of at least three confirmed discussants as well as the facilitator(s). Participants should clearly mark what format is intended for their presentation. If intended as a traditional paper presentation, please indicate whether or not you would be happy to give the paper in poster form instead. Abstracts addressing any aspects of minority language planning will be considered, but we particularly welcome abstracts addressing the following themes:

- Language Planning at the Micro and Meso Level
- Relationship between the Macro and Micro/Meso Levels of Language Planning
- Comparative analysis of minority language communities
- The challenge of prioritisation in small language planning
- The discursive bias and minority language communities
- The need for complementary efforts in language planning
- Sociological theory and minority language sustainability
- Challenges to minority language diversity and post-modern culture

Call for papers will open in October. We welcome any questions you may have at soillseconference2016@gmail.com