

2nd Symposium on New Speakers

NEW SPEAKERS IN A MULTILINGUAL EUROPE: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

(1st Whole Action Meeting of the ISCH COST Action IS1306)

Barcelona 20-22 November 2014

2nd Call for Papers

Global social changes are transforming the linguistic ecologies of contemporary societies. They change our linguistic landscapes, our linguistic repertoires and the ways we use languages in everyday life. In fact, what we used to understand by languages is also changing along with the concepts and theories we employed to analyse language use. The “Network on New Speakers in a Multilingual Europe” invites linguists, social scientists, language activists and language planners to take part in the analysis and debate over these sociolinguistic transformations.

The concept of “New speakers” provides one angle to investigate the new multilingual realities of contemporary Europe; that is, we propose to explore multilingualism from the perspective of the social actors and their experience of using different languages or varieties in their daily lives. We focus especially on the experience of people as they socialize in languages that are not their “native” or “first” language, both synchronically and diachronically (e.g. in different periods of their lives). The notion of “New speaker” provides the means to shift our focus away from the traditional “native speaker”, a notion which has traditionally dominated linguistic analysis and institutional language policies. In this first phase of the project, we examine three main speaker profiles:

- 1) new speakers of regional minority languages,
- 2) immigrants
- 3) people who adopt new languages for specific work purposes.

We invite contributions in the form of individual papers, panels or colloquia. These can consist of research reports or data analyses, as well as language policy descriptions or evaluations. Presentations will be assigned 15 to 20-minute slots. Proposals for paper presentations can be submitted by following the procedure detailed in the Abstract template (www.uoc.edu/portal/ca/symposia/newspeakers2014/BCN2014-Abstract_Template.docx).

Bursaries: A small number of bursaries will be available subject to the availability of funds. Please check the information at <http://www.uoc.edu/portal/en/symposia/newspeakers2014/inscripcio/index.html>



Registration: All participants, including Management Committee members, must register. Non-Management Committee members and participants who have not obtained a bursary must register and pay a small fee to cover catering costs (40/50/60€ early bird/normal/late registration). Payment can be made by credit card or bank transfer. Please register at <http://www.uoc.edu/portal/en/symposia/newspeakers2014/inscripcio/index.html>

Deadlines:

15 July 2014: 2nd Deadline for bursary applications.
10 September 2014: Deadline for abstract submission (2nd Call).
30 September 2014: Notification of accepted abstracts.
30 July 2014: Early bird registration.
30 September 2014: Late registration deadline.
20-22 November 2014: Symposium / Whole Action Conference.
22 November 2014: COST Management Committee Meeting (Official national representatives only).
30 November: Deadline for expenses claims for eligible MC members and grant recipients!!!

Symposium Scientific Committee:

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Note: Symposium participants can avail of reasonably priced centrally-located accommodation at the Residència d'Investigadors (at the Carrer Hospital 64 or at the Campus del Mar: <http://www.resa.es/eng/Residences/Investigadors>) in Barcelona

Please submit **ABSTRACTS** to: **NEW SPEAKERS BARCELONA 2014 (NEWSPEAKERS2014@UOC.EDU).**

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