



Two-day Symposium on New Perspectives in Language Education

Call for Proposals

The Centre for Educational Research in Languages and Literacies (CERLL) of OISE-University of Toronto, in collaboration with the Language Department of the University of Toronto at Mississauga, the Faculty of Education at Western University, the Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, and the Faculty of Education at York University and the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies of the University of Waterloo, is pleased to announce the first Symposium of Southern Ontario Universities on New Perspectives in Language Education

**The Symposium will be held at OISE, 252 Bloor street West, M5S1V6 Toronto ON.
on May 8-9, 2020**

One of the missions of CERLL is to provide a space for sharing research and creating opportunities for researchers to connect and engage in new collaborations. Thus, this first symposium ever to be organized by CERLL intends to bring together scholars and graduate students from Universities in Southern Ontario.

The symposium intends to explore research directions in Language and Education that have emerged in the first two decades of the 21st century, and which shape language teaching and learning in multicultural and multilingual communities across Ontario. During individual paper presentations and interactive panels, participants will discuss new research avenues such as, among others, bi-/multi-/plurilingualism in language education, teachers' and students' agency, mobility and inclusion, innovation in language teaching methodologies and assessment, and the use of technology in additional language learning and teaching.

The symposium will provide a unique opportunity for scholars (faculty members and graduate students) from universities in Southern Ontario working in language education to learn about each other's work, exchange ideas and showcase or discuss their research, as well as establish or expand opportunities for academic networking for future collaborations across universities.

It is the first time that scholars and graduate students working in the area of language education from these four institutions will have come together, and we envision/hope that this may initiate a collaborative network in language education research in Southern Ontario. With plenaries, panel discussions, and presentation sessions, as well as social events, the symposium will provide participants with a unique opportunity to meet, interact, network and discuss research projects and practices in language education in cross institutional dialogue.

Symposium structure:

The two-day event will consist of two plenary sessions as well as interactive thematic sessions that aim to engage multiple perspectives. The two Plenaries sessions will be addressed by **Professor Bernd Rüschoff** from Duisburg University (Germany) and **Emeritus Professor Jim Cummins** from OISE-University of Toronto respectively. The interactive sessions will address some priority areas of research and practices that help educators to meet the needs of the changing demographics of learners in Canada. These sessions will be reserved to graduate students and scholars from the four participating universities.

The Symposium comprises two strands:

Strand 1: Presentations and Plenary Sessions

This strand includes the two Plenary sessions (see above) and the Presentation sessions. Three presentation sessions will be organized dealing with some current themes in language education. According to the number of submissions there may be parallel sessions.

Strand 2: Poster sessions

Poster sessions will be a key component of the symposium as this will encourage exchange and networking. Participants will be able to put up poster displays describing their work and projects and distribute relevant information during the event. The posters can outline projects that are still in-progress. The poster sessions will allow close, personalized contact between the participants and the exhibitors.

The Symposium is now accepting proposals for paper and poster presentations based on research at any stage. You are also welcome to repeat a previous presentation delivered elsewhere.

Time	Friday, May 8, 2020	Saturday, May 9, 2020
8:00-9:00 am	Arrival, registration & coffee	Arrival & coffee.
9:00-9:15	Welcome and Opening Keynote	
9:15-10:30	Plenary	Plenary
10:30-11.00	Coffee break and poster session	Coffee break and poster session
11:00-12:30	Presentation Session 1	Presentation Session 3
12:30-1:30	Lunch break and poster session	Lunch break and poster session
1:30-3:00	Presentation Session 2	Panel discussion
3:00-3:30	Coffee break and poster session	Final Reception
3:30-5:00	Meeting on future collaborations	

The two plenaries will also be streamed through Zoom

5. Organizing Committee

The organizing committee of the symposium consists of faculty members from the participant universities.

Enrica Piccardo (OISE)
Barbara Schmenk (University of Waterloo)
Marie-Paule Lory (UTM)
Shelley K. Taylor (Western University)
Gail Prasad and Saskia Van Viegen (York University)

Each member of the organizing committee in the participating faculties is responsible for facilitating the submission of abstracts from their institutions and for communicating with accepted presenters from their institutions.

6. Important dates

Deadline for submission of abstracts: March 20

Confirmation of participation: April 10

Title: 15 words

Abstracts: 300 words (for both papers and poster presentations)

Criteria:

- Relevance to the topic of the symposium
- Effectively grounded in relevant research, theory, practice and/or policy
- Comprehensive design and analysis (i.e., research question, sources, methodology and analysis for an empirical study; currency of supporting literature for a conceptual piece or systematic literature review)
- Quality of the proposal (as indication of a coherent, well prepared presentation)

7. Languages of the symposium:

Official languages: English, and French. Linguistic diversity is encouraged in posters and presentations.

FREE registration (coffee & refreshments provided)

To register please follow the link:

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