

Call for papers

Old and new forms of multilingualism in the Alps-Adriatic region - descriptive models, challenges and possible solutions

Multilingualism is a historically characteristic feature of the Alps-Adriatic region - an area that includes Carinthia, Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Slovenia in its narrower interpretation, but in other readings stretches from Bavaria to Croatia and from western Hungary through Styria, to Veneto and Trentino-Alto Adige. However, multilingualism is not a static state, but a dynamic phenomenon that undergoes changes and developments influenced by language-external factors. In the last thirty years, many factors of dynamicity had an impact on multilingualism in the Alps-Adriatic region. One can name the creation of new states after the dissolution of Yugoslavia, with the consequent "formation" of new minorities, but also the recognition of some historical linguistic minorities (and the exclusion of others) in Italy at the end of the 1990s, together with the linguistic policies that this entailed. Furthermore the entry of most of the region's countries into the European Union, which, in the Treaty on European Union, has consolidated the preservation of the wealth of "their cultural and linguistic diversity", but whose policies in this area sometimes appear contradictory. But one can mention also the anchoring of multilingualism and its value at the constitutional level, as laid down for example in the new Carinthian Statute of 2017. Finally, the increased internal mobility and immigration from third countries to the region, which has taken on different forms - from expats to asylum seekers - and which has led to what has been termed 'super-diversity'; globalisation, which, in some sections of the population, has led to a 'perceived need' for (early) childhood acquisition of 'market-relevant' languages - in addition to English, also Chinese, Russian etc.

At the same time, research on multilingualism has developed new approaches and descriptive methods to approach this complex phenomenon, such as research on receptive multilingualism, the analysis of language biographies and the investigation of linguistic landscapes.

Aim of the conference *Old and new forms of multilingualism in the Alps-Adriatic region - descriptive models, challenges and possible solutions* is to offer experts in the field of multilingualism research in the Alps-Adriatic region the opportunity for discussion and exchange. It is open to various theoretical and methodological approaches, including sociolinguistics, contact linguistics, applied linguistics, ethnography and language anthropology, historical linguistics, ecolinguistics, language didactics, pedagogy and

educational science. The conference will take place at the Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt/Celovec from 2nd to 3rd April 2020.

The lectures (20 minutes lecture + 10 minutes discussion) can be held in one of the languages of the Alps-Adriatic region (German, Italian, Slovenian, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian-Montenegrin) or in English, the slides of presentations or handouts should be in English.

Please submit your proposal in English - max. 250 words + 5-10 bibliographic references - to mehrsprachigkeit@aau.at by 22 December 2019. You will be informed about the acceptance of the proposal at the end of January 2020.