



The deadline for abstract submission has been extended to January 15, 2020

The 12th Nordic Conference on Bilingualism
June 10–12, 2020, Stockholm, Sweden
"X-Disciplinarity in Multilingualism Research"

Stockholm University, Campus Frescati. Photo: Clément Morin.

FINAL CALL. We are inviting proposals for presentations at **The 12th Nordic Conference on Bilingualism (NCB12)**, to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, June 10–12, 2020. The conference is organized by the *Centre for Research on Bilingualism*, and the venue will be Campus Frescati, Stockholm University.

The general theme of the conference is "X-Disciplinarity in Multilingualism Research", and will be reflected primarily in the five plenary talks by **Eric Pakulak**, **Brigitta Busch**, **Panos Athanasopoulos**, **Sari Pietikäinen**, and **Kenneth Hyltenstam** (see below). Submissions for oral presentations, posters, and colloquia that directly or indirectly address the theme are particularly encouraged, *although papers that do not are just as welcome!*

Submissions may cover (any combination of) sociolinguistic, educational-linguistic, structural-linguistic, psycholinguistic, and neurolinguistic perspectives on multilingualism. Linguistic aspects may include (but are not limited to) phonetic, phonological, morphological, syntactic, lexical, semantic, pragmatic, and discourse domains of multilingualism, and submissions may deal with language perception and/or production, as well as spoken, written, and/or signed modes of multilingualism, in contexts of (for example) simultaneous and sequential bilingual development, child and adult first, second, third, or heritage language acquisition, learning, teaching, and use, as well as aspects of language attrition, loss, maintenance, reactivation, and revitalization. We are aiming for a broad representation of (combinations of) methodological approaches, ranging from experimental designs and brain imaging techniques to linguistic anthropology and ethnography.

Please note that the conference is *not* limited to multilingualism issues related specifically to the Nordic/Scandinavian contexts or languages, nor is it exclusive to researchers active in the Nordic countries/Scandinavia. **NCB12 welcomes submissions from anywhere in the world, on any multilingualism context, involving any languages.**

The official language of the conference will be English.

In order to secure the continuity of this conference in future years, an inter-Nordic Executive Committee of The Nordic Conference on Bilingualism will be formed at the Stockholm conference.

Plenary Speakers



Eric Pakulak

Acting Director of the Brain Development Lab, Department of Psychology, University of Oregon, USA, and Associate Professor, Department of Child and Youth Studies, Stockholm University, Sweden



Brigitta Busch

Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Vienna, Austria



Panos Athanasopoulos

Professor, Department of Linguistics and English Language, Lancaster University, UK



Sari Pietikäinen

Professor, Department of Language and Communication Studies, University of Jyväskylä, Finland



Kenneth Hyltenstam

Professor Emeritus and former Director of the Centre for Research on Bilingualism, Stockholm University, Sweden

General Conference Theme: “X-Disciplinarity in Multilingualism Research”

It is a commonplace that bi-/multilingualism is a complex phenomenon that can and should be explored from many angles. This conference seeks to take advantage of this fact by demonstrating the evident value of diverse angles in multilingualism research as well as by interrogating the potentials of x-disciplinarity more generally.

We invoke the notion of “x-disciplinarity” as an umbrella term useful for covering a wider array of kindred approaches to knowledge production. Here, “x” may be understood as a placeholder to a variety of prefixes: *multi-*, *cross-*, *inter-*, *trans-*, even *post-* and *anti-*disciplinarity. Differences aside, these labels pertain to certain visions and modes of research practice, all of which challenge long-standing monodisciplinary undertakings. It would seem, however, that x-disciplinarity comes in many forms.

Many scholars of bi- and multilingualism world-wide work within adjacent disciplinary fields or draw heavily on their scholarly developments. While some of us work in research environments which collectively make up “x-disciplinarity”, others embody “x-disciplinarity” in their own research practices. Importantly, while x-disciplinary initiatives are commonly celebrated, they are certainly not without their difficulties. It is evident, we hold, that we can learn from each others’ experiences, research foci, methodological approaches etc., so as to foster better multilingualism research.

The 12th Nordic Conference on Bilingualism endeavors to create a space for such knowledge exchange. In this pursuit, we invite scholars from all subfields with an interest in bi-/multilingualism and, more particularly (*although not mandatory*), with the potentials of x-disciplinarity vis-a-vis this research object. The conference’s keynote speakers have been selected with the theme of x-disciplinarity in mind.

Call for Abstracts

The presentations of the conference are requested in three formats: (1) oral presentations in parallel sessions, (2) posters, and (3) colloquia. ***These may or may not address the general conference theme.***

Oral presentations

Abstracts not exceeding 300 words (references excluded) and stating the name and affiliation of all authors should be submitted to abstractNCB12@su.se no later than **15 January 2020**. Papers will be allowed 20 minutes + 5 minutes for discussion.

Posters

Abstracts not exceeding 300 words (references excluded) and stating the name and affiliation of all authors should be submitted to abstractNCB12@su.se no later than **15 January 2020**. Final posters should have the size A0 or A1. Posters will be available throughout the conference. Slots will be allotted for presentation during coffee breaks.

Colloquia

Proposals for special colloquia (or panels/symposia/workshops/roundtables etc.) for up to 6 x 30 min. papers are welcome. A motivated introduction to the workshop theme not exceeding 400 words (references excluded) plus 100-word abstracts (references excluded) for each planned contribution to the workshop, should be submitted to abstractNCB12@su.se no later than **15 January 2020**. The name(s) and affiliation(s) of the colloquium organizer(s) and of each speaker should be included in the submission.

Key Dates

- Start of abstract submission period: **1 October 2019**
- **End of abstract submission period:** **15 January 2020**
- Confirmation of acceptance of abstracts: **20 February 2020**
- Registration (exact dates TBA): **March to May 2020**
- Electronic program and book of abstracts available: **1 June 2020**
- Conference: **10–12 June 2020**

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