

Call for Papers

Multilingual landscapes: planning, policy, and contact linguistic perspectives

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Keynote speakers

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For over a decade now, the study of Linguistic Landscapes (LLs) has attracted the attention of scholars from a variety of disciplines including sociolinguistics, sociology, semiotics, education, and general communication studies. Recent advances in the field are represented by the works of Barni & Bagna, Ben Rafael & Ben Rafael, Blommaert, Gorter, Reh, Scollon & Scollon, and Shohamy, among many others.

The purpose of the two-day workshop is to explore multilingual signage in urban and rural spaces from the particular perspectives of policy, planning, and contact linguistics. Key guiding questions which we wish to address are: How can multilingual LLs be accommodated in a general account of a community's multilingual practices? In what way do they reflect different levels of policy in relation to diversity management? How can the study of multilingual LLs serve as an instrument and a guide for the planning of language provisions and to support accessibility of services?

Abstracts are invited that address these and closely related questions, framed explicitly in the context of contact linguistics and/or planning and policy. We expect to be able to accept up to 12 papers. Abstracts of around 300 words should be sent to mlm@manchester.ac.uk – please include 'LL Workshop Abstract' in the subject heading – by 1 September 2017.

The event is hosted by the University of Manchester's Multilingual Manchester research unit (<http://mlm.humanities.manchester.ac.uk>). For further information please contact Leonie Gaiser, Multilingual Manchester Research Assistant: leonie.gaiser@manchester.ac.uk