



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
BILINGUALISM, BILINGUAL EDUCATION AND SOCIAL (SOCIO-
LINGUISTIC/POLITICAL) CONFLICT

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14-15 November 2024

CALL FOR PAPERS

Since 2018, UNED's Language and Society Research Group has hosted a series of biennial international conferences on bilingualism and bilingual education, thus giving researchers the opportunity to present ground-breaking research and eventually cause positive changes in academia and society at large.

While past editions dealt respectively with the challenges, limits and solutions involved when dealing with bilingualism and interculturality ([2018](#)), the relationship between bilingualism and migration ([2020](#)), and the confluence of bilingualism and bilingual education with their immediate and extended social contexts ([2022](#)), **this edition will focus on bilingualism and bilingual education, and how both concepts interact or intertwine with (political) tension.**

Bilingualism and bilingual education have become characteristic features of the world today. Globalization, the internationalisation of employment, the increase in transnational mobility for educational, professional or recreational purposes, and technological development in one language or another are factors that might explain why proficiency in two or more languages is gaining ground. Bilingualism and multilingualism have now become the order of the day, even in traditionally monolingual societies. Nevertheless, in spite of its overall benefits, the spread of bilingual and multilingual proficiency might often pose some challenges and at times lead to tensions or conflicts which may be motivated by political ideologies.

This international conference thus aims to provide a platform for researchers interested in discussing bilingualism and bilingual education in relation to language conflicts and tensions, no matter their shape and form. We welcome proposals (in English or Spanish) that deal with bilingualism and are related, but not exclusively, to the following topics:

- Language planning
- Language conflicts
- Language ideologies
- Linguistic rights
- Linguistic variation and language learning
- Bilingualism and demographics
- Bilingualism and bilingual education policies
- English as a lingua franca
- Interculturality
- Bilingualism and gender studies
- The sociolinguistics of foreign language learning
- The link between culture and language learning
- Attitudes towards bilingualism and foreign language learning
- Heritage languages
- Linguistic choices and migration
- Bilingual education in monolingual and bilingual contexts
- Family bilingualism
- Bilingualism in immigrant families
- The impact of new technologies on bilingualism and bilingual education

Keynote speakers

Prof. Helen Kelly Holmes (University of Limerick)

Prof. Peter A. Kraus (University of Augsburg)

Guest speakers (round tables)

Dr. Fernando Ramallo (Universidad de Vigo)

Dr. Inés García Azkoaga (Universidad del País Vasco)

Dr. Mercè Pujol Berché (Université de Perpignan Via Domitia)

Dr. Paolo Roseano (UNED)

Dr. Haraldur Bernharðsson (University of Iceland)

Dr. Ruth Kircher (European Centre for Minority Issues)

All interested participants should take note of the following steps:

1. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

It is worth noting that the conference will be **held in person, in Madrid**. Presentations will last 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for discussion.

Participation is open to all researchers interested in the conference theme. Proposals for papers in **English or Spanish** are welcome.

Your proposal should include:

- A title (max. 15 words)
- Key words (max. 5 words)
- An abstract (300-400 words, not including references), followed by 5-10 references.
- A short biography (max. 200 words)

All proposals must be submitted online via EasyChair. While abstracts can be inserted (typed/pasted) directly into the relevant section on EasyChair, authors' biodata must be uploaded as PDF files. The procedure for creating an EasyChair account (if you don't have one) and submitting your proposal is as follows (skip steps 1-3 if you have an EasyChair account already)

1. Go to <https://easychair.org/account/signup>
2. Complete the CAPTCHA authentication procedure (if need be) and click on "Continue"
3. After you've filled in the form, EasyChair will send you an email with a link that you can use to confirm the creation of your account.
4. Log into your Easychair account, click on the following link or copy and paste it into your browser's address bar:
<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=biuned2024>
5. Click on "Enter as an Author"
6. Add your proposal and click on "Submit"

The deadline for the submission of proposals is **15 June 2024**.

2. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

A written acceptance or refusal of proposals will be sent by e-mail no later than **15 July 2024**.

3. REGISTRATION

Once a proposal has been accepted, participants should proceed to register for the conference and pay the conference fees. The conference fees are as follows:

Oral presenters:

Early-bird registration (until 15 September): €150

Late registration (from 16 September): €190

Attendees:

Early-bird registration (until 15 September): €50

Late registration (from 16 September): €80

Reduced fee:

Doctoral students and oral presenters based in developing countries (Africa, Asia and Latin America) may apply for a 50 per cent **fee waiver** by getting in touch with the Organising Committee after their proposal has been accepted.

Certificates will be provided to enable oral presenters and attendees to evidence their participation in the conference.

Registration fees include access to coffee breaks, lunch and wine reception.

(In case of co-authorship, any author who attends the conference and/or requires a certificate has to pay the registration fee).

4. PUBLICATION

Full conference papers may be published in a special issue of Spanish journal *Studies in Applied English Linguistics / Estudios de Lingüística Inglesa Aplicada* (ELIA) (<http://revistas.uned.es/index.php/ELIA/index>) after a rigorous peer-review process. Oral presenters are therefore encouraged to submit their manuscripts by February 1st 2025.

5. CONTACT AND FURTHER INFORMATION

You can find more information relating to the conference on our website:

<https://blogs.uned.es/fundacionuned/biuned-2024/>

You may also reach out to the Organizing Committee by email or ordinary mail at the following addresses:

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