



Engaged  
Humanities



***Engaged humanities in Europe: Capacity building for participatory research in linguistic-cultural heritage***

*Humanistyka Zaangażowana w Europie: budowanie potencjału dla partycypacyjnych badań dziedzictwa językowo-kulturowego*



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**Call for papers:**

**Engaged Humanities: preserving and revitalizing endangered languages and cultural heritage**

15–16 November 2017

Faculty of “Artes Liberales”, University of Warsaw  
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS, University of London)  
Leiden University

**Plenary speakers:**

Peter K. Austin (SOAS)  
Lenore Grenoble (University of Chicago)  
Julia Sallabank (SOAS)

**General Information about the ENGHUM project and Conference:**

The Partners of the Engaged Humanities projects (<http://engagedhumanities.al.uw.edu.pl/>), Faculty of “Artes Liberales” at University of Warsaw, School of Oriental and African Studies SOAS, University of London, and Leiden University, hereby invite proposals for papers at the first international conference on Engaged Humanities.

The Engaged Humanities project aims at strengthening scientific and innovation capacity as well as social impact in the field of participatory action research in linguistic-cultural heritage and revitalization of endangered languages. The assumptions behind the project reflect the need for a holistic and problem-oriented (not disciplinary-limited) approach to both

theoretical and applied issues in the study of language, culture, and society. An essential goal also includes finding solutions for bridging collaboration and knowledge-transfer gaps between academics, members of local communities/ethnic minorities and non-academic organizations.

A precedent for the Engaged Humanities project and this conference was the conference *Integral Strategies for Language Revitalization* held in Wilamowice, Poland in June 2014. The Engaged Humanities conference will be directly preceded by a workshop on digital humanities and efficient integration of disciplinary perspectives/practices for effective engagement. Participants in the conference are also welcome to attend the workshop.

**Successful proposals will address one or more of the following topics:**

- Multipurpose documentation of linguistic and cultural heritage
- Language revitalization in theory and practice
- Participatory action research and community-driven projects
- Indigenous research methodology and traditional knowledge in language and cultural revitalization
- Economic impact of language preservation and multilingualism
- Language and wellbeing
- Cognitive effects of multilingualism
- Language contact in the context of endangerment
- Language policy for endangered language and cultures
- Pedagogical approaches to minority languages

**Formal requirements:**

Abstracts should be no more than one A4 pages in length including references and examples. They should be anonymous, and set in a minimum of 12pt font. They should be in .docx or .pdf format and the filename should start with ENGHUM, followed by an underscore and then first author's surname, e.g. ENGHUM\_bloggs.pdf. If you have a common surname, please also include initials, e.g. ENGHUM\_jjones.pdf.

Abstracts must be submitted via the EasyChair system which you can access via this url: <https://easychair.org/cfp/ENGHUM2017> If you do not have an EasyChair account already, you will need to create one when you do this. Once logged in complete your details and upload your abstract as an attachment (pdf or docx).

Conference papers will be allotted 20 minutes + 10 minutes for discussion. A projector (VGA/HDMI) and audio facilities will be available on site. We welcome multimedia presentations.

The main conference languages are English and Spanish. However, in promoting language use in all domains, especially of minority and lesser-known languages papers may be given in these languages provided it does not unnecessarily hinder effective communication; we would therefore suggest papers given in a language other than English or Spanish be accompanied by adequate multimedia subtitling or simultaneous interpretation.

**Venue**

The conference will take place in the Faculty of “Artes Liberales”, University of Warsaw.  
ul. Dobra 72  
00-312 Warszawa

**Important dates:**

- Proposal submission: 16 April, 2017
- Notification of acceptance: 12 May, 2017
- Registration: 1 September, 2017

**Fees:**

Registration for the conference is free. Coffee and tea will be provided in the breaks. Catering will be available during lunches and can be paid on site.

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