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The Linguistic Landscape of Migration. A Journey through Language, Theories and Models

International Workshop

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Description

The intensification of mobility has propelled a profound transformation of the spatial organization of transactional and social relations. This requires a renewed look at social and urban spaces on the part of researchers along with an adequate analysis of these spaces as either representations of processes inherent to historical, social, political, ideological, geographic and demographic factors and/or as elements that participate in the construction of social and cultural reality (Shohami *et al.* 2010). The role of language is crucial in this context. In particular, the Linguistic Landscape, understood as a magnifying lens on social dynamics of global reach, is an important indicator of processes of change, though it is simultaneously affected by the dynamic and fluid character of the social shaping.

In the sociolinguistics paradigm, the theoretical basis behind this perspective includes investigations that examine the relationship between situated contexts of interaction and social life at large as seen, for example, in the work by Gumperz (1971). In addition, this perspective also integrates studies that highlight the need for a holistic and integrated approach, as seen, for instance, in the work by Bucholtz and Hall (2005), who point towards an interrelationship between plurilingualism and pluriculturalism in the urban space.

The International Workshop will be held at la Sapienza Università di Roma in October, 27-28, and aims at analyzing the Linguistic Landscape of migration further. Under the umbrella term “landscape” we include tangible representations and meanings, symbolic and historical, strictly related to social representations and collective identities. In this sense, the concept is relevant to the wide range of social sciences and humanities disciplines, from geography to literature, including anthropology, history, psychology and linguistics.

The event has as its main objective to enhance not only theoretical lines but also new methodological perspectives, inserting and applying them in diverse contexts for which this paradigm is apt. Such perspectives may become relevant to the provision of sociolinguistic, sociopolitical, cultural and literary readings and interpretations of our present-day societies.

The urban space, is, indeed, the locus of the sociocultural processes that shape (and get reflected in) the dynamics of linguistic variations and identity constructions. This is due to the fact that: a) cities

are increasingly integrating more social and human capital; and b) these spaces activate social and discursive practices that constitute our daily contemporary lives.

Themes

The themes that will be dealt with during the two sessions include:

- a) Theoretical and/or methodological aspects related to the Linguistic Landscape of migration.
- b) Linguistic Landscape in public urban spaces
- c) Landscape and languages in interaction
- d) Linguistic Landscape, mass media and digital environments
- e) Linguistic Landscape, and literary and cinematographic representations
- f) Linguistic Landscape: Presentation and analysis of data

Modalities of presentation:

- a) Description and data analysis
- b) Presentation of methodologies for the gathering and the analysis of data
- c) Presentation of theoretical, integrated and/or innovative approaches to the analysis of the Linguistic Landscape
- d) Presentation of research projects and (first) results

Participation (The deadline for proposals has been extended!)

The two sessions are open to EDiSo members as well as to researchers with an interest in the Linguistic Landscape of Migration.

The deadline for sending proposals to the International Workshop electronic address plroma2016@uniroma1.it is **July 10th, 2016**.

Proposals must be closely related to the list of themes presented above. They must include: Name and Surnames, affiliation, contact, abstract (max. 500 words), basic bibliographic references.

Registration

Regular registration fee: €80

Fee for EDiSo members, students and unemployed people: €40

10 bursaries of €50 will be offered to students and young local researchers. Another 5 bursaries of €100 will be offered to students and young researchers located outside Italy.

Organisation

This International Workshop is organised by a Sapienza Università di Roma and EDiSo – Asociación de Estudios sobre Discurso y Sociedad, whose main aim is to foster scientific exchanges and interdisciplinary work and collaborations among researchers and international research groups who, from different perspectives and approaches, analyse discourses and societies.

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