

## Interlinguistics workshop

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Interlinguistics, as a branch of linguistics, deals with problems of international and interlingual communication and especially their optimization through the use of planned languages such as *Esperanto*. It also encompasses other types of constructed languages (also referred to as conlangs). These range from zonal auxiliary languages such as *Inter斯拉夫*, to experimental languages like *toki pona* or the logic-based *lojban*, as well as languages created for works of fantasy or science fiction from the languages of Tolkien to modern languages like *Klingon* or *High Valyrian*, both represented on the language learning app Duolingo. For overviews of the field of interlinguistics see Blanke 1985, 2004, Barandovska-Frank 2018, 2020, Gobbo 2020, Sakaguchi 1998.

Planned and constructed languages raise many intriguing questions. Experimental languages especially seem to be apt instruments for probing the limits of language creation, although it is not yet clear just how far they can push language structural boundaries. Still, they remain interesting tools for testing the validity of language universals and various implicational relations (Dols 2012).

While any topic related to planned languages is welcome, the workshop especially seeks topics related to structural, pragmatic, sociolinguistic and psycholinguistic aspects of Esperanto, the most successful and widespread planned language (see Fiedler 2015, Jansen 2013, Koutny 2022, 2023). Esperanto speakers are geographically dispersed speaking different languages in their daily lives and use Esperanto as a lingua franca with each other (Fiedler & Brosch 2022, Gobbo & Maráč 2021). Nonetheless, they maintain a high level of cohesion and follow an internally accepted set of linguistic and behavioral norms that is cross-cultural in nature. This makes them a unique kind of language community that is under-studied in mainstream linguistics.

Topics related to linguistic aspects, especially difficulties, of intercultural communication are also suitable. The workshop also welcomes discussion on the potential relevance of planned

languages for language policy, especially as related to the evaluation of fairness in international communication as well as linguistic justice (Fiedler & Brosch 2022, Gazzola et al. 2023, Gobbo & Marącz 2021, Tonkin 2017).

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