

CALL FOR PAPERS



Extended submission deadline: 30 May 2024

Where: Oranje Hotel, Leeuwarden,
The Netherlands

1st Mercator International Conference

7–8 November 2024

Shaping Policy for Minority Languages and Multilingualism

The Mercator European Research Centre on Multilingualism and Language Learning, hosted by the Fryske Akademy, invites you to participate in the 1st Mercator International Conference on the theme of *Shaping Policy for Minority Languages and Multilingualism*.

The aim of this conference is to provide a platform for and to stimulate critical discussions on policy development for minority languages and multilingualism in various contexts, from the home to education. We invite presentations that examine language policies, practices, ideologies, and attitudes at all levels (international, national, regional, societal, institutional, group, family, and individual).

We welcome proposals for presentations from people of all career stages that engage with the themes of the conference. Postgraduate students and early career researchers are particularly encouraged to participate.

We especially welcome contributions on the following topics:

- Inclusive multilingual education – the didactics of multilingualism
- Minority language and multilingual education and assessment
- Family language policy
- Multilingual pedagogical approaches (e.g. CLIL and translanguaging)
- Linguistic diversity in teacher training programmes
- Parental involvement in language(s) education
- Community perspectives on language policy developments
- Regional and neighbouring language education
- Linguistic diversity and (global) citizenship
- Language attitudes and their impact on language policy formulation and implementation
- Distance (language) learning – consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic for multilingual and minority language learners
- Bilingual and trilingual education
- Case studies and best practices in language policy development

For more information, visit:
www.mercator-research.eu/conference/

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Target audience

Researchers, lecturers, teacher educators, pre- and in-service teachers, students, special education practitioners, NT2 professionals, social workers, youth workers, policymakers, and anyone else who is interested in minority languages, multilingualism, and language policy.

Abstracts can be submitted for:

- **Oral presentation** (20-minute presentation + 10-minute discussion)
- **Poster presentation**
- **Symposium** – presentation of three contributions on an overarching topic, with an introduction and summary by a chair (90 minutes)

Submission instructions

- Abstracts for **oral** or **poster presentations** should be no longer than 300 words (excluding references and 3–5 keywords).
- Abstracts for **symposia** should be no longer than 1,200 words (excluding references and 3–5 keywords). Symposium abstracts should include a general introduction (300 words) as well as individual descriptions (300 words each) of the presentations.

All abstracts will undergo double-blind review, involving a minimum of two reviewers, in which presenters and reviewers are unaware of each other's identities.

Participants can submit a maximum of one proposal where they are the sole presenter, and one proposal where they are co-presenters. Please note that all presentations are expected to be carried out in English and in person.

To submit an abstract, please complete this [form](#).

Key dates

- Deadline extension: abstracts are due by **30 May 2024**.
- Notifications will be sent out on **28 June 2024**.
- Registration begins on **28 June 2024**.

Conference fee

The conference fee is €100 for both days or €50 for 1 day, including lunches and drinks, and a conference dinner on 7 November.

Accommodation

The [Oranje Hotel](#) in Leeuwarden is offering a discount for conference participants through its website. More information will be available soon.

Organising committee

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We look forward to welcoming you to Leeuwarden in November!