

Call for Papers



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CILP is announcing a Call for Papers for a forthcoming issue on “**Language Planning from Below**”.

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In standard accounts of language policy and language planning, language users are too often viewed as the ‘passive receivers’ of linguistic decisions taken at the highest levels of state organization. In this context we shall explore the concept subalternity which involves, rather than excludes, agency. Through their everyday language practices and their discursive perceptions and interpretations of linguistic realities, those who are supposed to ‘live’ the language policies never submissively ‘implement’ them, but, appropriating them, steer them in novel, unforeseen directions. It is these dialectic processes of interaction between what is designed from above and how it is responded to from below which give shape to societies’ overall patterns of multilingualism.

We invite papers which aim at shedding light on these dialectical processes, or on component aspects of it, from a large variety of perspectives and without restrictions as to areal scope. Some key questions related to the theme include but are not restricted to:

- How are language policies experienced by language users?
- How are they responded and reacted to?
- How and why do certain language policies ‘work’ whilst others don’t?
- How do top-down language policy processes measure up to changing sociolinguistic realities?
- How ‘useful’ are language policies in empowering people and improving their lives?
- How do language users’ actions produce and reproduce, from the bottom up, larger sociolinguistic structures and patterns of multilingualism, both in time and in space?

The deadline for receipt of abstracts is 25 October 2009.

The deadline for receipt of the final paper is 15 January 2010.

Abstract (approx. 250–300 words):

Author's biodata (approx. 100 words):

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