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***Language rights  
among linguistic representations, ideologies and politics:  
What are their connections and what the intervention(s)?***



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**First Worldwide Congress for Language Rights**  
**XIV International Conference of the International Academy of Linguistic Law**  
**IX Days of Language Rights**

Teramo, Italy, from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>th</sup> of May 2015



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**Call for papers**  
**First Circular, 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2014**

## Short Introduction

The First Worldwide Congress of Language Rights will take place in Teramo, Italy, from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2015. This Congress will de facto include the XIV International Conference of the International Academy for the Linguistic Law about law and language and the IX Days of Language Rights. Besides the IALL and the Associazione LEM-Italia, this event is sponsored by the scientific partnership made up of the European Observatory for Plurilinguism, the International Observatory for language rights, the Group of Linguistic Politics of the Italian linguistic Society, the DORIF-University, the EuroLinguistics' network and several worldwide Universities, in particular the University of Teramo, which will host the Congress.

## Issues and research axes

As it has been recently mentioned in the *Gerona Manifesto on Linguistic Rights* (30<sup>th</sup> of September 2013), language rights must be considered as fundamental human rights. Therefore, they must be studied, explained and safeguarded, bearing in mind how complex mankind can be. Under this point of view, this First Worldwide Language Rights Congress (WLRC 2015 in short) aims to gather specialists in different fields: law, linguistics, sociology, political sciences, economics, etc. They can meet and discuss about an issue that is quite wide and can be dealt with from multidisciplinary points of view.

The title of the Congress exhorts to explore the complex and delicate relationship between the linguistic representations, the ideologies that either create or influence such representations including common judgements and ideas about languages, and the specific cases of these linguistic “imagination”, in terms of linguistic politics. Since the Congress aims to contribute to the creation of interventionist linguistics, on an international level, it will leave large room to the analysis of linguistic planning strategies, the examination of field researches and debates, both in the room and on line.

To reach this goal, the WLRC 2015 will gather a significant amount of institutional and social stakeholders who, during the debates, will in particular deal with those issues that lie at the heart of the public opinion, the minority linguistic communities and the scientific and creative-artistic communities.

Since different organizations are involved in this Congress, it will be articulated into various Meetings, which will be always held in plenary sessions in correspondence to the different axis of research. These Meetings will constitute a sort of chain links, i.e. they will be connected one to the other in the most coherent way as possible, so that, through each Axis summarised results, the final Conclusions will be sufficiently uniform and useful for the future. There follows the Congress Axis:

### Axis 1: «Sovereignty or linguistic discomfort? From the individual dimension to social issues»

This axis aims to explore and define a basic terminology related to the relationship between the subject and the linguistic community in which he/she is immersed, especially in a multilingual context. In particular, the concepts of *linguistic sovereignty* and *linguistic discomfort* will be analysed.

Some reflection items:

- linguistic discomfort or linguistic uncertainty
- Regions (independent communities): models and anti-models
- Popular sovereignty and human rights
- Research on field and linguistic minorities
- Designatives and glottonyms: tools for field research improvement

Summary of the works and opening of the Axis 2

### Axis 2: «The representations of identities in a multilingual context: why and how to intervene?»

This Axis aims to develop the previous one by analysing languages and identities in a multilingual context and studying the methods that can be used to explore them and, if the case, amend them. De facto, this Axis will be the chance to ponder the results from the international research project called «Representations of languages and identities in the Mediterranean area in a multilingual context».

Some reflection items:

- Pick up and data analysis through field research
- Representations of languages and identities and social inclusion
- Modify linguistic representations: the language planning

Summary of the works and opening of the Axis 3

### **Axis 3: «Language and law, linguistic and legal identity »**

This Axis aims to study the language of law: on one hand, the different systems of juridical codification of the language rights, and on the other hand, the influence exerted by the linguistic-cultural level on such codification. A reflection will be developed regarding law and language being these product of a community tradition.

Some reflection items

- The «universal» language of human rights
- Language of law «disambiguation»
- The phenomena of juridical acculturation and language of law
- Identity construction, juridical construction

Summary of the works and opening of the Axis 4

### **Axis 4: «Minorities or invisible groups, missed rights, abused rights»**

This Axis aims to develop the previous ones by analysing the case studies regarding juridical and political deficiencies and abuses (excess of acknowledgement, political exploitation of linguistic rights) which are directly or indirectly connected with the distortion of social and cultural representation of languages.

Some reflection items:

- Get linguistic diversity visible
- Betrayed linguistic laws
- Field reality and juridical reality
- Linguistic rights in enterprises
- The right to language at work
- Comparative Linguistic Law

Summary of the works and opening of the Axis 5

### **Axis 5: «Linguistic law facing linguistic hegemonies»**

This Axis aims to explore the role of linguistic rights intended as a resource to equilibrate the linguistic hegemonies, institutionalized or not. The language of power relation is put under question.

Some reflection items:

- Historical linguistic majorities and minorities
- Linguistic majorities and «new» minorities and native people's rights
- Linguistic rights in the enterprises and at work

Summary of the works and opening of the Axis 6

### **Axis 6: «Challenges and stakeholders of acknowledgement»**

This Axis aims to develop the previous ones showing the actions, strategies and challenges tackled by institutional and non-institutional stakeholders, who are expression of a civil society, in particular in relation to missed and abused rights. This axis is intended to define a list of good practices which are functional to the elaboration of a linguistic policy and to an effective interventionist linguistics, which are based on a sufficiently sound theoretical basis.

Some reflections items:

- Educate public opinion to the value of linguistic diversity
- Mechanisms of linguistic rights start-up
- Meaning and reach of language acknowledgement
- *De jure* and *de facto* acknowledgement: interdisciplinary challenge

Summary of works and opening of the general Congress Conclusions

### **General Summary of interventions**

By Claudine Brohy, International Academy of Linguistic Law

### **Presentation of the 15<sup>th</sup> IALL**

By Le Cheng, International Academy of Linguistic Law

### **General Congress Conclusions**

By Joseph G. Turi, International Academy of Linguistic Law, Montréal, and Giovanni Agresti, Università degli Studi di Teramo

## **Scientific and Organizational Committee**

The Congress' scientific committee is formed by Profs Giovanni Agresti, Fernand de Varennes, Pietro Gargiulo, Henri Giordan, Gabriele Iannaccaro, Jean Léo Léonard, Danielle Lévy, Danielle Londei, Federico Roggero, Christian Tremblay (*JDL Scientific Committee*) together with Prof Claudine Brohy, Denise Daoust, Angéline Martel, André Braën, Le Cheng, Joseph-G. Turi and José Woehrling (*IALL Scientific Committee*).

## **Working languages**

The working languages of the Congress will be English, French, Italian and Spanish.

## **Deadlines**

Each proposed paper must be sent to the Scientific Committee in Teramo: [info@associazionelemitalia.org](mailto:info@associazionelemitalia.org) and [giagresti@yahoo.it](mailto:giagresti@yahoo.it). A copy of each abstract must also be sent also to the IALL scientific Committee to the following address: IALL-AIDL; bureau J-4; 6000, chemin Deacon; Montréal (Québec); Canada H3S 2T9; email: [aca.inter@bell.net](mailto:aca.inter@bell.net); website: [www.iall-aidl.org](http://www.iall-aidl.org); tel.: +1 514 345-0718; fax: +1 514 345-0860.

The proposed papers (minimum 200 maximum 400 words + some bibliographic references and a short author's curriculum vitae) must be sent before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014. Notices of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the authors no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

## **Inscriptions**

The registration fee for each participant is 200 Euro before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 and 250 Euro after this date. The cost for student status is 120 Euro before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 and 150 Euro after this date. The fee includes the Congress papers, access to coffee break, lunches during the Congress, shuttle service to and from the official Congress' Hotel / University of Teramo, social dinner and a guided tour in the Abruzzi region to discovery territory tastes.

### **Associazione LEM-Italia**

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## **Congress Program**

A provisional Congress program and other activities (guided tour, social dinner, etc.) will be published on Congress website, which will be constantly updated. For any supplementary information, please contact directly the organization Committee to the following address: [info@associazionelemitalia.org](mailto:info@associazionelemitalia.org) and [giagresti@yahoo.it](mailto:giagresti@yahoo.it).

## **Congress proceedings**

The WLRC 2015 Conference proceedings will be published in volume within Spring 2016 as part of the Series [Lingue d'Europa e del Mediterraneo](#) (Roma: Aracne editrice), coordinated by Giovanni Agresti and Henri Giordan, under the Section «Diritti linguistici», directed by Fernand de Varennes.

## **How to reach University of Teramo**

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- Price per day for a double room for single use in a bed and breakfast: € 54.00
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## Congress website

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*This circular is also available in French and Italian on demand from Congress official website*