# The COMELA 2020

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Bounded Languages ... Unbounded Περιορισμένες γλώσσες, Απεριόριστες

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Athens, Greece

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#### Special Note

The COMELA is a Non-Profit Organization, and all publishing is **FREE**. The COMELA will always endorse meritocracy for academics, thus refusing to adopt any system that requires the implementation of paid fees. The COMELA sources funding and grants from funding agents to assist those exceptional academics who require funding to access Linguistics and Anthropology, and related fields.

# 1. Calibration

#### Hello and welcome to the COMELA 2020

The COMELA, The Annual Conference on Mediterranean and European Linguistic Anthropology, akin to its global siblings (The CALA, The MEALA, The SCAALA, The AFALA, The COOLA), has emerged to reinvigorate the fundamental roots and principles of Linguistic Anthropology, and to relocalize the field, thus marrying the focus on Mediterranean and European regions and work by Global academics. The COMELA 2020, at The American University in Greece, September 2-5, 2020, arrives as a highly symbolic juncture in Mediterranean and European cum Global Linguistic Anthropology. The COMELA 2020, themed *Bounded Languages ...* 



*Unbounded,* exposes the current Linguistic and Anthropological climate in Europe and the Mediterranean. Borders are constantly contested, and ethnicity and nation alike shift yet relegitimize their communities and heritages, thus reigniting a dedicated scholarship and praxis in the field of Language and Society.

The theme for the COMELA 2020 is pertinent to the state of the Mediterranean and Europe vis-a-vis their global analogues. Impervious boundaries in these regions are now as porous as throughout history, not least through migration effected by political and economic instability. The Mediterranean and Europe have long seen language mixing, where junctures form between shifting language, society, heritage, and ethnolinguistic subjectivities. The term 'bounded' describes the spatiotemporal positionings of people, and how language and ethnicity are legitimized as people migrate and then return to their heritage. The term 'unbounded' signifies a negotiation of transnational privileges, through heritage and global capital. The COMELA 2020 will build and extend global networks of Mediterranean and European Linguistic Anthropology, collating work within Linguistics, Anthropology, Sociolinguistics, Sociology, Cultural studies, and Linguistic Anthropology, all pertinent to the Mediterranean and Europe, but throughout the world. At the Conference, global academics will juxtapose knowledge, expertise, and valuable Linguistic and Anthropological data, through COMELA networks. To ground these efforts, The COMELA 2020, at The American University in Greece, networks an ever-growing number of institutions globally. With over 130 Academics prominent in the field on its Scientific Committee, over 130 institutions globally as affiliates, with official partner Taylor and Francis Publishers, and a global network of Linguistic Anthropology, The COMELA 2020, as a fully non-profit Conference on Linguistic Anthropology, wll bring to life the original yet progressive intentions of Linguistic Anthropology, in and for the Mediterranean and Europe.

We thus welcome you to the COMELA 2020, The Annual Conference on Mediterranean and European Linguistic Anthropology in Athens, Greece, September 2-5, 2020, and to The COMELA in whole.

#### **Professor Helena Maragou**

Chair, *The COMELA 2020*Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences
College of Arts & Sciences, The American College in Greece

### 2. Theme

#### Bounded Languages ... Unbounded / Περιορισμένες γλώσσες, Απεριόριστες

Politics of identity are central to language change. Here, linguistic boundaries rise and fall, motivating the ephemeral characteristics of language communities. The Mediterranean and European regions are replete with histories, with power struggles, uniquely demarcating nation, ethnicity, and community. For this, cultural and political identities, language ideologies, as well as the languages themselves, have sought boundedness, dynamics of which have indeed sought change over eons, through demographic movements, through geopolitics, through technological innovation. In a current era of technological advancement, transnational fluidity, intellectual power, capitalism, and new sexualities, then, we question, once again, the boundedness of language and identity, and ways in which to unbound languages and ideologies. More than before, we now increasingly pursue anthropological toil, so to innovate ways to locate these ideologies and their fluid boundaries, actively. We now need to increasingly unbind these languages, and their ideologies, so to arrive at progressive realizations, and to rectify, or at least see and move past, the segregations of old.

The COMELA 2020 theme, "Bounded languages... Unbounded", encapsulates the ongoing struggle throughout Mediterranean and European regions. As the continuous tension between demarcation, and the concurrent legitimization, of languages, language ideologies, and language identities, enters an era where new modes of interactivity require language communities to take on roles super-ordinate to the past, flexible citizenship now operates within, and not only across, language communities, to unbind languages, and to create new boundaries, unlike those ever seen throughout history.

The COMELA 2020 invites work which addresses the shifting boundedness of Language Communities of the Mediterranean and Europe. Papers and posters should acknowledge and describe processes of language shape, change, and ideology, pertinent to social, cultural, political histories, and futures of Mediterranean and European regions, and by those working in Mediterranean and European regions.

# 3. Official Publishing Partner

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#### 4. Location

American University of Greece 6 Gravias Str. 153-42 Aghia Paraskevi Athens, Greece

# 5. Keynote speakers

## Jan Blommaert

Department of Culture Studies Tilburg University The Netherlands



Jan Blommaert is Professor of Language, Culture and Globalization, and Director of the Babylon Center at Tilburg University, the Netherlands. He is of the world's most prominent Sociolinguists and Linguistic Anthropologists, and has contributed substantially to sociolinguistic globalization theory, focusing on historical as well as contemporary patterns of language and literacy, and on lasting and new forms of inequality emerging from globalization processes.



# Alexandra Georgakopoulou

Centre for Language, Discourse and Communication

King's College London

England

Alexandra Georgakopoulou is a narrative and discourse analyst with a longstanding interest in how people present themselves and relate to others in significant socialization contexts (family, friendship groups, school, leisure sites, social media platforms). Drawing on sociocultural linguistic and interactional perspectives, she has researched the role of everyday life stories (both face-to-face and on new/social media) in the (re)formation of social relations. She has specifically researched, with ethnographic methods, female adolescent peer-groups, in Greece and in London.

# Dimitris Dalakoglou

Department of Social Anthropology Vrije University The Netherlands



Dimitris Dalakoglou is Professor at Vrije University Amsterdam, where he holds the Chair of Social Anthropology. Since 2004 he is developing an anthropology of material infrastructures which most recently culminated to his current project <u>infra-demos</u> that studies democracy and infrastructures in Greece. He is director of the Lab on Mobility, Infrastructures, Sustainability and Commons (MISC Lab).

# 6. Chronology

#### **Second Call for Abstracts**

Opens: December 1, 2019 Closes: April 1, 2020

#### **Notification of acceptance**

Notification of acceptance: No later than April 20, 2020

#### Registration

**Early bird -** October 30, 2019 - January 21, 2020 **Normal bird -** January 22, 2020 - April 25, 2020

Presenters must register by April 25, 2020, to guarantee a place in the program. Registration will remain open after this, but organizers cannot guarantee placement after this.

Late bird registration - April 26, 2020 - September 5, 2020

## 7. Conference Dates

Day 1: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 Day 2: Thursday, September 3, 2020 Day 3: Friday, September 4, 2020

Day 4: Saturday, September 5, 2020 - Full day optional anthropological tour (separate cost)

#### 8. Strands

- Anthropological Linguistics
- Applied Sociolinguistics
- Buddhist studies and discourses
- Cognitive Anthropology and Language
- Critical Linguistic Anthropology
- Ethnographical Language Work
- Ethnography of Communication
- General Sociolinguistics
- Islamic Studies and discourses
- Language, Community, Ethnicity
- Language Contact and Change
- Language, Dialect, Sociolect, Genre
- Language Documentation
- Language, Gender, Sexuality
- Language Ideologies

- Language Minorities and Majorities
- Language Revitalization
- Language in Real and Virtual Spaces
- Language Socialization
- Language and Spatiotemporal Frames
- Multifunctionality
- Narrative and Metanarrative
- Nonverbal Semiotics
- Oral Tradition
- Poetics
- Post-Structuralism and Language
- Semiotics and Semiology
- Social Psychology of Language
- Text, Context, Entextualization

#### 9. Submissions

#### 9.1 Presentation lengths

Submitters must plan around the following:

- Colloquia 1.5 hours with 3-5 contributors (Part A and B is possible, thus 6-10 contributors)
- General paper sessions Approx. 20-25 minutes each, which includes 5 minutes for questions/responses
- Posters to be displayed at designated times throughout the COMELA 2020

#### 9.2 Abstract Submission Guidelines

- Submission of proposals for papers, posters, and colloquia should be completed via the online submission website, or by email
- 18-word maximum presentation title
- 400-word maximum abstract, including references
- Colloquia: Abstracts for the colloquium must be uploaded in the submissions box. The abstract
  must contain both the main description of the colloquium, as well as a summarized description of
  each individual paper to be presented within the colloquium. This information must include the
  names and affiliations of each author and presenter, the title of each respective
  session/presentation, as well as any other information construed as relevant.
- General Sessions: For individual papers submitted for review and acceptance into the general sessions, the first author will be the nominated 'Corresponding Author', but can also be a 'Presenting Author' when completing the profile.
- Each author must also confirm their role: Presenting Author, Non-Presenting Author, Chair, or Discussant.

#### 9.3 Evaluation of proposals

Proposals for individual papers, posters, and colloquia will be evaluated by the COMELA 2020 Review Committee, with criteria as follows:

- Appropriateness and significance of the topic to COMELA 2020 themes
- Originality/significance/impact of the research
- Clarity/coherence of research concerns, theoretical and analytical framework(s), description of research, data collection, findings/conclusions, rhetoric, and exegesis as a whole
- For colloquia, importance/significance of the overarching topic and/or framework(s) addressed, and its coherence of and with individual presentations
- All Main Colloquium abstracts only will be peer reviewed by the COMELA 2020 review committee.
  Thus, the acceptance of the colloquium, and hence all presentations and discussions within that
  colloquium, becomes predicated on the success of the review of the main proposal for that
  colloquium, submitted by the main organizers of the respective colloquium.
- All abstracts for general session papers, which are selected and placed by the COMELA 2020 selection committee, will be double blind reviewed.

#### 9.4 Conditions for submitting

- A participant may be first author/presenter in a maximum of **two** presentations, be it individual papers, posters, or papers within colloquia.
- In addition, a participant may act as chair, discussant, or co-author in **one** further presentation.
- Alternatively, participants may act as first author/presenter in **one** presentation, and chair, discussant, or co-author in a maximum of **two** other presentations.
- All proposals must present or interpret original work otherwise yet unavailable.
- The language of the COMELA is English. However, abstracts may be submitted in any language, but together with an English translation.
- Presenters can present in any language, but must prepare an English translation for the presentation.
- The COMELA Committee will assign all relevant schedules to accepted individuals and groups.
- Presenters must register and pay prior to April 25, 2020, to confirm their place at the COMELA 2020, and hence for their presentations to be confirmed in the program.
- Presenters are required to organize their own travel and accommodation arrangements. The COMELA Organizers have secured accommodation at various locations around the city (see link for accommodation), details of which will be available for booking when registering for the COMELA.

#### 10. Presentations

#### 10.1 Colloquia

- 1.5 hours with 3-5 contributors
- Colloquia provide an opportunity for several presenters within the boundaries of a theme or topic to present together in a supportive environment. Colloquium organizers can tailor time lengths to each presentation, but must allow time to include opening and closing remarks, presentations, and audience interaction.
- The colloquium chair is responsible for organizing the group and for submitting the colloquium in the Call for Papers platform on behalf of all contributors.
- All colloquium submissions must be uploaded to the submission site using the *Colloquium Submission Form Template* provided.
- Panel organizers here will be responsible for panel chairs. Time keepers will be provided by the COMELA 2020, if needed.

#### 10.2 General and non-colloquia session papers

- Paper presentations will be allocated 25 minutes (+ 5 minutes for questions).
- Time keepers will be provided by the COMELA 2020 if needed.

#### 10.3 Posters

- Posters will be displayed at designated times throughout the COMELA 2020.
- Posters are for one-on-one discussion of a symposium-related theme or topic.
- A block of time will be allocated for presenters to discuss their posters.
- Posters will be displayed in the designated areas (main halls).

- Presenters will be assigned a space to display their poster(s).
- Posters should be A0: 841 x 1189 mm width x height (landscape or portrait).
- A guiding but not necessary template for the poster can be found at the link https://comela.me/poster-template/
- Submissions should contain a summary of key elements for the presentation.
- Posters can include relevant visuals or academically descriptive objects, where color is optimal.
- Posters must be clear, concise, and simple, with large fonts, with the title of the project, and author information (name and affiliation).

For submission / registration, please visit: <a href="https://comela2020.acg.edu">https://comela2020.acg.edu</a>
For all information, please contact:

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#### 11. Fees

Students/Affiliates:		Others:	
Early Bird	\$170	Early Bird	\$220
Regular Bird	\$220	Regular Bird	\$270
Late Bird/On-site	\$270	Late Bird/On-site	\$320
Excursion:	\$110		

The Conference fee includes a daily buffet lunch, morning and afternoon break refreshments, and one buffet dinner with a cultural show.

# 12. Top Tier Publications from The COMELA

- Through our official Publishing partner, Taylor and Francis, the world's leading Academic Publisher, The COMELA now has pathways to publish academic material, and to assist contributors and authors to be placed in globally highly ranked publication channels, and in Top Tier SCOPUS / ISI / AHCI / SSCI journals.
- All Conference proceedings, and conference papers and their authors will be SCOPUS indexed
- The COMELA boasts its adherence to, and dedication to, publishing all quality papers.
- A thorough review process will ensure that all participants active in developing their studies, and involvement with the COMELA will be published, as the COMELA collaborates with these participants and presenters to revise, redraft, and develop their work.
- All publications will be in Top tier journals, and will thus be decided on by appropriate review procedures, both by the COMELA Materials Review Committees, and by the respective journals to which these will be published.
- The COMELA is a Non-Profit Organization, and <u>all publishing is FREE</u>. The COMELA refuses to implement a
  pay to publish system, and will always endorse a meritocratic environment for academics, thus refusing
  to accept any work that requires the implementation of paid fees. Furthermore, the COMELA will always
  source funding and grants from funding agents to assist those who need funding to access Linguistic
  Anthropology.

# The COMELA

# '7 steps to acceptance and publishing'

- 1 Proposal submission
- 2 Collaborative development
- 3 Blind review process
- 4 Revision by COMELA and submitter, and proposal resubmission
- 5 Development of papers by submitters with COMELA
- 6 Submission of papers to journal publications and publishers.
- 7 Continuous assistance to ensure papers are published

#### 13. Selected Scientific Committee Members and Affiliates

#### **Selected Scientific Committee Members (of 130)**

Alessandro Duranti – University of California, U.S.A.

Aditi Bhatia – Polytechnic University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Aditi Ghosh - Calcutta University, India

Adrian Pablé – University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

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Collin Williams - Cardiff University, Wales

Daniel Perrin – Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland

David Katan – University of Salento, Italy

Delia Carmela Chiaro – University of Bologna, Italy

Dimitris Dalakoglou – Vrije University, Amsterdam, Netherlands Dinh Lu Giang – University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam

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Yoshiyuki Asahi – Nat. Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics, Japan Zane Goebel – La Trobe University, Australia

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- Alexandra Jaffe California State University
- Barbara Johnstone Carnegie Mellon University

• Gunther Kress - University College London

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The Middle Eastern Association of Linguistic Anthropology Journal
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The Middle Eastern Association of Linguistic Anthropology

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The South and Central American Assembly on Linguistic Anthropology

The Conference on Oceanian Linguistic Anthropology