

**1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Spanish Speakers in European Spaces**  
Universität Bern, June 7-8, 2018

## **DESCRIPTION**

Globalization has caused the displacement and movement of speakers of Spanish into different geographical spaces across the globe. As a result, these speakers have come into contact both with speakers of other varieties of Spanish and with speakers of other languages.

In North America, there is an established network of scholars conducting research on the sociolinguistic outcomes of these contact situations, in which both speakers and their languages are involved. By contrast, only little and scattered work has examined the sociolinguistic outcomes of these contacts in European localities, despite the fact that the modern displacement and movements of speakers of Spanish into different geographical European spaces dates back to the 1960s for people from Spain and to the 1970s for people of Latin American origin. As a result, it is an understudied topic and there is no specific platform in which researchers working on it can regularly share their findings with colleagues, create networks with them and, eventually, set the foundations of collaborative research projects. This conference intends to bring together, for the first time, researchers working on the sociolinguistic outcomes of the presence of speakers of Spanish in different European spaces.

We welcome proposals (in Spanish or English) for oral presentations addressing the conference theme from different perspectives. Suggested areas of research include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Language variation and change
- Language or dialect contact
- Bilingualism and multilingualism
- Language ideologies, stereotypes, and attitudes
- Language and identities of transnational people and their offspring
- Language maintenance and transmission
- Language policy and planning
- Linguistic landscapes
- Critical discourse analysis

The presentations will be allocated 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for questions.

## **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Individual or joint presenters should submit an abstract of no more than 350 words through [EasyAbs](#) no later than February 28, 2018.

Your abstracts should contain a clear research question, reference to relevant prior research, a detailed description of the method, as well as a concise summary of your (preliminary) results.

Please make sure to remove your information from the document submitted.

Your abstracts will be reviewed by our scientific committee and we expect to confirm acceptance by March 15, 2018.

## **PLENARY SPEAKERS**

Maria Vittoria Calvi (Università degli Studi di Milano)  
Ofelia García (City University of New York)  
Rosina Márquez Reiter (University of Surrey)  
Ricardo Otheguy (City University of New York)

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