



## **CALL FOR PAPERS: FIRST CIRCULAR**

With financial assistance from the research support program of the Secrétariat du Québec aux relations canadiennes, the International Academy of Linguistic Law and the Université de Sherbrooke, more specifically the Faculty of Law, the Department of Arts, Languages and Literatures, the Centre de recherche sur la régulation et le droit de la gouvernance (CrRDG) and the Centre de recherche interuniversitaire sur le français en usage au Québec (CRIFUQ), are organizing the :

18th International Conference of the International Academy of Linguistic Law

**Law, languages, indigenous peoples, minorities, fragile majorities  
and Governance in Québec, Canada and the World**

June 3-5, 2024, Sherbrooke, Québec, Canada

As illustrated by the UN's decision to make the years 2022-2032 the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Languages, it is now more a question of ensuring the protection of minority languages in general and the languages of indigenous peoples in particular, i.e., languages which less often have the character of official languages of a State, even if they may be those of autonomous communities. There are also so-called fragile linguistic majorities<sup>1</sup> which, while controlling at least part of a sovereign or federated State, are nonetheless minorities on another scale and subject to market forces favorable to another language, for example English in the context of globalization.

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<sup>1</sup>Marie McANDREW, Marie, *Les majorités fragiles et l'éducation* : Belgique, Catalogne, Irlande du Nord, Québec, Montréal, Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 2010.



Consequently, these minorities and fragile majorities may seek to favor their language not only within the state or its decentralized bodies, but also sometimes more widely within their territory, including in the private business sphere. However, as the very legitimacy of public authorities to enact linguistic action in this sphere seems less obvious *a priori* and as this action is more perceived as an encroachment on liberties in the eyes of some<sup>2</sup>, it is perhaps through a less authoritarian and more collaborative approach that it can be realized.

This is all the more true since these more or less recent evolutions of certain linguistic policies are situated in the broader context of the mutation of law from the paradigm of government to that of governance. This paradigm of governance is characterized by fewer constraints and sanctions, and more recommendations, incentives and collaboration, notably with private actors, for example in the form of certifications attesting to good linguistic practices<sup>3</sup>. Not to mention that in matters of language, terminology and translation, the state must also collaborate with private actors, including experts (in the field of developing reference tools or language acquisition programs, for example). This raises the broader question of the governance of the bodies responsible for developing and implementing language policies and the relationship these bodies maintain with the general public. Standardization and terminology development initiatives, to name a few, cannot be carried out in a vacuum, but must consider the sociolinguistic dynamics of the target population that we wish to engage. In this context, the present call for papers invites us to think about projects that bring people together, motivate and energize.

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<sup>2</sup>José WOEHLING, « Les concepts juridiques mis en œuvre en matière de politique linguistique », (2010) 22 *Télescope* 22.

<sup>3</sup>Jacques CHEVALIER, « La gouvernance et le droit », dans Paul AMSELEK (dir.), *Mélanges Amselek*, Bruxelles, Bruylant, 2005, Stéphane BERNATCHEZ, « La certification en tant que droit de la gouvernance », (2019) 21-1 *Éthique publique*: <<https://journals.openedition.org/ethiquepublique/4248>> and QUÉBEC, *Politique du Québec en matière de francophonie canadienne*, Secrétariat du Québec aux relations canadiennes, 2022.



This conference will therefore be an opportunity to reflect on the governance of language policies in the broadest sense of the term, including official languages in the public and private spheres, minority languages, Aboriginal languages and languages associated with fragile majorities. More specifically, the proposed themes will be State, Community and Official Language(s); Language Law and the Private Enterprise Sphere; Minority Languages; Languages of Indigenous Peoples; Fragile Linguistic Majorities; Languages and Education; Languages, Linguistics, Terminology, Translation and Governance; Languages, Standardization and Reference Tools.

### **Conference Registration**

The organizing committee invites you to send an abstract of your paper (200-400 words) with the following information: first name, last name, academic title, title of paper, e-mail address, institutional affiliation, five keywords. Presentations will be 30 minutes in length (20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for comments and questions). PowerPoint presentations are encouraged. Conference papers will be published after positive peer review. Paper proposals should be sent by e-mail to the following addresses: [guillaume.rousseau@usherbrooke.ca](mailto:guillaume.rousseau@usherbrooke.ca) and [aca.inter@bell.net](mailto:aca.inter@bell.net).

### **Official invitation**

It is important to indicate whether you require an official letter of invitation.



## **Important dates**

- Ø Abstract submission by October 30, 2023
- Ø Notification of acceptance by November 30, 2023
- Ø Submission of full paper by April 30, 2024

## **Conference fee**

- Ø Before January 15, 2024: 250 Canadian dollars
- Ø Before the opening of the Conference or upon arrival: 300 Canadian dollars

Conference fee includes 4 nights accommodation (from the evening of June 2 to the morning of June 6), travel expenses between Montreal (where the international airport is located) and Sherbrooke, the gala dinner, three lunches, coffee breaks and the publication of contributions following positive evaluation. A second circular will be sent out with more information concerning the payment of these expenses, accommodation and the full text to be submitted by April 30.

## **Languages used during the conference**

French and English.



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