

CALL FOR PAPERS

4th International Conference on Language and Literacy Education

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg – South Africa

Host: Hub for Multilingual Education and Literacies
Wits School of Education
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

Dates: 18-20 August 2017

Theme: *Imagining a thriving multilingual world: language, education and society in the 21st century*

While it is well-established that multilingualism is a norm for the 21st century, little has been thought on how it will change the education and social landscapes if and when given space to thrive. Many curricular programmes, classrooms and assessment practices are still being designed to favour the ideological orientations of an ideal monolingual speaker. This bias has correspondingly put multilingual learners/students at a risk of failure under the guises such as technological innovations, assessment standards, and globalisation without due recognition for local agency and situated identity formation. In this conference we invite researchers, teachers, policy makers and social activists to engage in evidence-based dialogues where they imagine a new world order of multilingualism and associated dynamics of multilingualing and translanguaging taking a centre stage. Presenters should submit abstracts in any of the following areas:

- 1) Multilingualism and Multiculturalism
- 2) Translanguaging/multilingualing
- 3) Reading and writing literacies
- 4) Multilingual assessments
- 5) Multilingual materials
- 6) Alternative and critical pedagogies for multilingual education
- 7) Language policy, planning and management in education
- 8) Multiliteracies

Notes for presenters:

Please send a 200-250 words abstract on or before **31 March 2017** to the following address: matlakala.moagi@wits.ac.za

Publication: Proceedings from the conference will be edited into a book volume, "*Imagining a thriving multilingual world: Language and Literacy education in our times*" and a special issue through the *Journal of Multilingual Education and Literacies* (JMEL)

Conference fees: R2500 (including conference dinner; Early bird registration: R2000 on or before 30 May.

Students: R1500(early bird: R1000 on or before 30May)

Teachers: R500

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Prof. Martin C. Njoroge (Vice-Chancellor: Pan Africa Christian University, Kenya)



Title: *Integrating multilingual/multicultural literacies in the School Curriculum to build cohesive African Society in the 21st Century: Lessons from Kenya, Africa*

Dr. Pascal Nadal (Mauritius Institute of Education, Mauritius & University of Seychelles)



Title: *“My child will learn Mauritian Kreol at school.” Those parents who said ‘Yes’...*

Prof. Terrence G. Wiley (Recent Past President: Centre for Applied Linguistics, Washington DC, USA)



Title: *From Regimes of Deficiency to Empowering Practices: Embracing New Directions for Language and Literacy Education in a Multilingual World*

Dr. Maria Coady (University of Florida, USA)



Title: *Reimagining Assessment for Bi/Multilingual Students in the 21st Century*