

**The 55th Linguistics Colloquium
“Inter- und intrasprachliche Kontraste /
Inter- and Intralinguistic Contrasts”,
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1. Introduction

The first Linguistics Colloquium, entitled “Erstes Linguistisches Kolloquium über generative Grammatik”, took place in Hamburg-Harburg in West Germany in 1966. Since then, the Linguistics Colloquia have been held every year not only in Germany, but also in other European countries, including Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland.¹ The conferences have attracted scholars affiliated with universities located in Europe and on other continents.

So far, Poland has hosted the Linguistics Colloquia four times:

¹ For more information about the history of the Linguistics Colloquia, see, among others, Kürschner (1996), Kürschner, Sroka and Weber (2009), Weber (1996). See also “History of the Linguistics Colloquium” (<https://sites.google.com/view/lingcoll/history?authuser=0>), as well as the reports by Abraham (1991), Faber (1990), Falkenberg, Öhlschläger and Wimmer (1974), Posner (1970), Püschel (1976), Stanulewicz (2014, 2016), Stanulewicz and Skrzypiec (2010), and others.

- in Poznań in 1991,²
- in Gdańsk in 1995,³
- in Olsztyn in 2012,⁴
- in Rzeszów – virtually – in 2021.⁵

The papers presented at the Colloquia held in Poland were published in the following volumes:

- *Sprache – Kommunikation – Informatik: Akten des 26. Linguistischen Kolloquiums, Poznań 1991*, edited by Józef Darski and Zygmunt Vetulani (1993);
- *Kognitive Aspekte der Sprache: Akten des 30. Linguistischen Kolloquiums, Gdańsk 1995*, edited by Kazimierz A. Sroka (1996);
- *Materialität und Medialität der sprachlichen Kommunikation / Materiality and Mediality of Linguistic Communication: Akten des 47. Linguistischen Kolloquiums in Olsztyn 2012 / Proceedings of the 47th Linguistics Colloquium in Olsztyn 2012*, edited by Ewa Żebrowska, Mariola Jaworska and Dirk Steinhoff (2014).

2. The Organizers, theme and participants

The 55th Linguistics Colloquium in Rzeszów was scheduled for 2020, but it had to be postponed to the following year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It took place online, from 8 to 11 September 2021.

The international committee of the 55th Linguistics Colloquium included the following scholars: Prof. Gerd Antos (Germany), Prof. Zofia Berdychowska (Poland), Prof. Zofia Bilut-Homplewicz (Poland), Prof. Bożena Cetnarowska (Poland), Prof.

² See the report by Weber (1992).

³ See the report by Warnke (1996).

⁴ See the report by Stanulewicz (2012).

⁵ The site of the 55th Linguistics Colloquium: <https://www.ur.edu.pl/pl/kolegia/kolegium-nauk-humanistycznych/jednostki-naukowe/instytut-neofilologii/dzialalnosc-naukowa/konferencje-naukowe/55th-linguistics-colloquium-inter--and-intralingui>, accessed 1.12.2021.

Dirk Geeraerts (Belgium), Prof. Zoltán Kövecses (Hungary), Prof. Hartmut E. H. Lenk (Finland), Prof. Heinz-Helmut Lüger (Germany), Prof. Agnieszka Uberman (Poland), Prof. Heinrich Weber (Germany), Prof. Maria Wojtak (Poland) and Prof. Jordan Zlatev (Sweden). The Local Organizing Committee included Prof. Anna Hanus and Dr Iwona Szwed (Coordinators), as well as Prof. Robert Kiełtyka, Dr Beata Kopecka and Dr Dorota Miller.

The theme of the 55th Linguistics Colloquium was “Inter- und intrasprachliche Kontraste / Inter- and Intralinguistic Contrasts”. In the Call for Papers,⁶ the Organizers provided a list of specific areas included in this theme:

- particular subdisciplines of linguistics (morphology, syntax, semantics, lexicon, text linguistics and discourse studies);
- new tendencies in linguistic research;
- language-oriented contrastive culture studies;
- contrastive media linguistics;
- sociolinguistic analyses;
- translation theory and practice;
- analyses of specialized languages;
- contrastive foreign language teaching;
- research areas, results and expectations in parallel linguistic disciplines in different countries, cultures and language communities.

The 55th Linguistics Colloquium attracted scholars affiliated with academic centres in Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the USA.

⁶ The Call for Papers is available at the site of the 55th Colloquium: <https://www.ur.edu.pl/pl/kolegia/kolegium-nauk-humanistycznych/jednostki-naukowe/instytut-neofilologii/dzialalnosc-naukowa/konferencje-naukowe/55th-linguistics-colloquium-inter--and-intralingui>, accessed 1.12.2021.

3. The conference opening

During the conference opening, the welcome addresses were delivered by

- (1) the Conference Organizers;
- (2) Prof. Paweł Grata, Vice-Rector for the College of Humanities of the University of Rzeszów;
- (3) Prof. Agnieszka Myszka, Dean of the College of Humanities, University of Rzeszów;
- (4) Prof. Agnieszka Uberman, Director of the Institute of Neophilology, University of Rzeszów;
- (5) Prof. Wilfried Kürschner, one of the founders and member of the International Committee for the Linguistics Colloquium;
- (6) Prof. Heinrich Weber, one of the founders and member of the International Committee for the Linguistics Colloquium.

4. Plenary lectures

The participants were invited to listen to six plenary lectures, given by prominent scholars affiliated with universities in Poland and Germany:

- (1) “Schreiben am Computer – Leistungen und Grenzen von Sprachhilfskomponenten” by Prof. Wilfried Kürschner (University of Vechta, Germany);
- (2) “Competition between morphological compound nouns and phrasal nouns (on the basis of data from English and Polish)” by Prof. Bożena Cetnarowska (University of Silesia, Poland);
- (3) “[...] eine solch gewaltige konstellative Form der Welt [...] stemmen” – das Konzept *der liebevolle Erzähler* in Olga Tokarczuku Vorlesung zur Verleihung des Nobelpreises für Literatur: Eine linguistische Analyse” by Prof. Zofia Bilut-Homplewicz and Prof. Maria Krauz (University of Rzeszów, Poland);
- (4) “Blockierter Dialog? Ostpolitische Differenzen und parlamentarische Konfrontation” by Prof. Heinz-Helmut Lüger

- (University of Koblenz-Landau, Germany);
- (5) “Mediolingwistyczne (polskie) badawcze drogi i bezdroża / (Polish) Mediolinguistic highways and byways of research” by Prof. Maria Wojtak (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland), delivered in Polish with simultaneous interpreting into German and English;
 - (6) “Obiekty, przedmioty i metody badań w mediolingwistyce. Perspektywa Europy Środkowo-Wschodniej / Objects, subjects and research methods in media linguistics: The perspective of Central and Eastern Europe” by Prof. Iwona Loe-we (University of Silesia, Poland), delivered in Polish with simultaneous interpreting into German and English.

5. Panel discussions

Apart from the plenary lectures, the Organizers arranged three panel discussions:

- (1) “Diskursforschung in der germanistischen und polonistischen Perspektive / Badania nad dyskursem w perspektywie germanistycznej i polonistycznej”, held in Polish and German, Panel Chair: Prof. Waldemar Czachur (University of Warsaw, Poland), Panelists: Prof. Zofia Bilut-Homp-lewicz (University of Rzeszów, Poland), Prof. Philipp Dreesen (Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften, Switzerland) and Prof. Magdalena Steciąg (University of Zielona Góra, Poland);
- (2) “Figurative language: Then, now and beyond”, held in English, Panel Chair: Prof. Konrad Szcześniak (University of Silesia, Poland), Panelists: Prof. Alexandra Bagasheva (University of Sofia, Bulgaria), Bożena Cetnarowska (University of Silesia, Poland) and Prof. Zoltán Kövecses (University of Budapest, Hungary);
- (3) “Medienlinguistik – Forschungsstand, Fragen und Herausforderungen / Mediolingwistyka – stan badań, problemy i wyzwania”, held in Polish and German, Panel Chairs: Prof. Hartmut Lenk (University of Helsinki, Finland) and Prof. Agnieszka Mac (University of Rzeszów, Poland), Panelists: Prof. Heinz-Helmut Lüger (University of Koblenz-Landau, Germa-

ny), Prof. Bogusław Skowronek (Pedagogical University, Poland), Prof. Maria Wojtak (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland), Prof. Simon Meier-Vieracker (Technische Universität Dresden, Germany).

6. Sectional papers

The papers were presented in 13 sections:⁷

- (1) Phonetics and Phonology: papers by Kwasi Adomako / John Odoom, Aslı Gürer, Artur Kijak;
- (2) Morphology and Syntax: papers by Ioanna Cretu, Gerhard Edelmann, Anna Jaremiewicz-Kwiatkowska, Shigehiro Kokutani, Agnieszka Fus, Katharina Turgay / Daniel Gutzmann;
- (3) Semantics and Morphology: papers by Marcin Kudła, Danuta Stanulewicz / Ewa Komorowska, Regina Agyapong Manu / Kwasi Adomako / Cecilia Tomekyin;
- (4) Semantics (Metaphors): papers by Nino Daraselia, Anna Dąbrowska, Robert Kiełtyka / Agnieszka Grzaśko, Olesya Cherkhava / Maria V. Homyak / Natalia Bazyliak / Olga Matviyas;
- (5) Language and Emotions: papers by Anna Bączkowska, Judyta Pawliszko, Valentina Rossi, Wajdi Zaghouni / Chereen Shurafa;
- (6) Specialized Languages: papers by Halyna Kuchyk, Piotr Maziarz, Konrad Radomyski, Gabriela Nitka, Mikaela Petkova-Kessanlis, Vilma Zubaitienė / Agnė Lisauskaitė;
- (7) Theoretical Linguistics: papers by Nobuyo Fukaya, Ryszard Wylecioł, Olga Słabońska, Kazimierz A. Sroka, E. Ishmael Parsai / Aydin Mohandesi / Ebrahim Ansari, Samuel Alhasan Issah / Moses Dramani Luri / Hasiyatu Abubakari / Samuel O. Acheampong, Ewa Konieczna, Yaroslava Gnezdilova, Nuuratu Mustapha, Horchani Binène / François Nemo;

⁷ The list has been prepared on the basis of the conference programme, available at https://www.ur.edu.pl/files/ur/import/deleted-files/Conference-programme_LingCol_8_9_21-12.pdf, accessed 1.12.2021.

- (8) Cultural Linguistics: papers by Heinrich Weber, Andrzej S. Feret, Magdalena Feret;
- (9) Language-oriented Culture Studies: papers by Bożena Kochman-Haładaj, Magdalena Olkiewicz, Halyna Stashko;
- (10) Media Linguistics: papers by Mostafa Boieblan El Abouri, Giulia Magazzù, Debora Onik-Maziarz, Agnieszka Buk / Grit Mehlhorn, Melanie Anna Kerschner, Agnieszka Mac, Hans W. Giessen;
- (11) Discourse Studies: papers by Paweł Bąk, Mikaela Petkova-Kessanlis / Hans W. Giessen, Marta Smykała, Iryna Pinich, Larysa Taranenko, Inna Zabuzhanska / Tamara Yamchynska;
- (12) Translation Theory and Practice: papers by Elizaveta Getta, Dorota Osuchowska, Bartosz Buć, Nadine Rentel, Skaiste Volungeviciene, Ewa Data-Bukowska, Anna Rędzioch-Korkuz, Reinhard Rapp, Irina Tivyaeva;
- (13) Foreign Language Teaching: papers by Ewa Kusz, Vladimir Legac, Jaqueline Mora, Blaženka Filipan-Žigniċ / Marija Turk Sakač, Mariusz Jakosz, Teodor Petriċ.

The sectional papers were delivered in German or English. The participants concentrated on different languages, including, among others, Akan, English, Georgian, German, Italian, Lithuanian, the Mabilia languages, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Russian, Sisaali, Spanish, Turkish and Ukrainian.

It is worth noting that five papers were delivered by participants representing the University of Gdańsk:

- (1) Anna Bączkowska: "Insults, attempted insults and replies to them on Twitter";
- (2) Magdalena Olkiewicz: "Plant names in Polish traditional songs";
- (3) Konrad Radomyski: "Terminology of inorganic chemistry: A corpus study";
- (4) Kazimierz Sroka: "Language sign and the dichotomy *significans* : *significatum* in relation to morphosemanteme and morphosemantic function";

- (5) Danuta Stanulewicz, co-author: Ewa Komorowska (University of Szczecin): “Yellow in Polish and Russian: Associations, prototypes and valuation”.

7. The cultural programme

Although the Colloquium was held online, the Organizers provided the participants with splendid evening entertainment. On 8 September, the participants could watch a concert entitled “Polska i światowa poezja, podkarpackie dźwięki / Polish and world poetry, the sounds of Subcarpathia”, performed by Aleksander Berkowicz. On 9 and 10 September, they were offered two virtual tours: “Historical and cultural heritage of the Subcarpathian region” and “Historical and cultural heritage of Rzeszów”.

8. Conference proceedings

The Organizers plan to publish the conference proceedings in a special issue of the journal *Lege Artis: Language Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*, as well as in two volumes: with Peter Lang and Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.

9. A final word

Although the participants might have preferred to meet face to face in Rzeszów, they must have admitted that the 55th Linguistics Colloquium held online appeared to be a very inspiring and enjoyable scholarly event. During the pandemic, the modern technologies provided the participants with an excellent opportunity to present the results of their research and discuss them with colleagues representing academic centres located in different countries.

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