



Research Symposium 2018

Friday 7th September 2018, 9:30am to 3.30pm

**Informatics Forum,
Crichton Street,
University of Edinburgh,
EH8 9AB**

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Overview

Bilingualism Matters

Bilingualism Matters is a research and information centre founded by Professor Antonella Sorace in 2008 at the University of Edinburgh. We study bilingualism and language learning, and communicate what we know to enable people to make informed decisions based on scientific evidence. We believe that real change happens through dialogue between researchers and the community. We work in partnership with parents, teachers, health professionals, policy makers and employers to help create impact in people's daily lives.

International Network

The model created at Edinburgh has proved popular and we now head a rapidly growing network of 20 branches all over the world. All branches exist in order to engage the public with the latest research about bilingualism and operate slightly differently in order to accommodate the specific needs of the local communities.

Edinburgh Headquarters (Scotland)*
California (USA)
East of England (England)
Gasteiz(Basque Country, Spain)*
Granada (Spain)
Konstanz (Germany)*
Milan (Italy)
Nantes (France)*
Netherlands*
Nova Gorica (Slovenia)*
Penn State (USA)
Reading (England)
Rijeka (Croatia)*
Rutgers (USA)
Siena (Italy)
Tel Aviv (Israel)
Thessaloniki (Greece)
Trento (Italy)*
Tromsø (Norway)
Trondheim (Norway)

Branches with a star (*) next to their name are part of the AThEME project, a major grant researching multilingualism in Europe, funded by the EU commission.

Research Symposium

Our 2018 inaugural research symposium aims to provide an opportunity for researchers in Edinburgh and from across our Bilingualism Matters international network to come together to share and exchange ideas on any aspect of bilingualism, with a focus on dissemination potential beyond the academic world.

The Symposium

Timings

Registration will open at 9am, for a 9.30am start. The Symposium will conclude at 3.30pm.

Presentations

Bilingualism Matters Edinburgh directors (*Prof Antonella Sorace, Dr Thomas Bak & Dr Vicky Chondrongianni*) will each give presentations, along with:

When L2 grows equal to L1: consequences of long-term L2 immersion for cross-language interference

Joanna Durlik, Jagiellonian University

Diaries as a pedagogical tool for acquired bilingualism: a pilot study exploring adult language learning in a university setting

Argyro Kanaki, University of Dundee

Community engagement and linguistic research on bilingualism, Bilingualism Matters – Rutgers

Benjamin Kinsella, Rutgers University

Links between Theory of Mind, Executive Functions and Language Skills in Bilingual Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Eleni Periste, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Bilingualism effects in reference processing in Specific Language Impairment: Evidence from subject pronoun production and comprehension

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The Fiuman dialect today: Language shift or maintenance?

Maša Pleskovic, University of Rijeka

Bilinguals' sensitivity to grammatical gender cues in Russian

Yulia Rodina, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

Language, migration and identity at school: a sociolinguistic study with Polish adolescents in Glasgow

Sadie Ryan, University of Glasgow

Posters

We are accepting poster abstract submissions until 31st July.

[Full details here.](#)

Bilingualism Matters Annual Event

All are welcome to stay for the Bilingualism Matters 10th Anniversary Annual Event in the same venue from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. The event will be a celebration of the work of Bilingualism Matters over the last 10 years. It is free and open to all.

[Register on Eventbrite](#)

Edinburgh

Venue Details

The Research Symposium will be held at:

Informatics Forum
10 Crichton Street
Edinburgh EH8 9AB

[View on Googlemaps](#)

The Informatics Forum is on the central campus of the University of Edinburgh, close to the heart of the city. With an open design on six floors around a central glass atrium, the building houses all research activities of the School of Informatics. The Forum has won a range of awards for excellence and for environmentally sustainable design, including the RIAS Best Building in Scotland 2008.

Arrival & Transport

Transport	Name	Info
Arriving by plane	Edinburgh Airport, EDI (Turnhouse)	The full range of transport options from airport can be found at: http://www.edinburghairport.com/transport-links Tram and bus service 100 to city centre – both reliable and frequent.
Arriving by train	Edinburgh Waverley Station	Venue is 15 minute walk from station
Edinburgh city buses	Lothian buses https://lothianbuses.co.uk/	£1.70 exact change required per journey £4 for all day ticket

Accommodation Suggestions

Name	Approx Cost	Info and booking link
Motel One 18-21 Market Street EH1 1BL	Rooms from £108.50 per night	Recommended: others from the conference will stay here, central, next to train station and airport bus terminal, 15 minute walk to venue. https://www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/edinburgh/hotel-edinburgh-royal
Premier Inn Edinburgh City Centre Royal Mile East Market Street Edinburgh EH8 8BG	From £78 per night	New hotel: 15 minute walk to venue and 5 minutes from train station. http://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/scotland/lothian/edinburgh/edinburgh-city-centre-royal-mile.html
Travelodge 33 St. Mary's Street Edinburgh EH1 1TA	From £79 per night	https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/205/Edinburgh-Central-hotel
Ibis South Bridge 77 South Bridge EDINBURGH EH1 1HN	From £170 per night	http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-8484-ibis-edinburgh-centre-south-bridge-royal-mile/index.shtml
Edinburgh First 18 Holyrood Park Road Edinburgh EH16 5AY	From £119 per night	University of Edinburgh accommodation: 20 minute walk or bus to venue. http://www.edinburghfirst.co.uk/for-accommodation/
B&Bs/Guesthouses/ Airbnb Meadows and Old Town areas	From £30 per night	Check reviews before booking. https://www.booking.com/landmark/gb/the-meadows-3.en-gb.html https://www.airbnb.co.uk/s/Edinburgh-Old-Town--Edinburgh

Registration & Contact Details

Event webpage, with registration link:

<http://www.bilingualism-matters.ppls.ed.ac.uk/bilingualism-matters-research-symposium-2018/>

If you have any questions or require further details please contact us by email: bilingualism-matters@ed.ac.uk