

## HuSlx21

### 21<sup>st</sup> Hungarian Sociolinguistics Conference

Date: 8-Oct-2020 - 10-Oct-2020

Location: Berehove, Ukraine

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Linguistic Field(s): Sociolinguistics, Applied Linguistics; Contact Linguistics, Dialectology  
Subject Language(s): Hungarian, English

#### Meeting Description:

HuSlx is a biennial conference (Hungarian *Élőnyelvi Konferencia*) that provides a forum to present recent research in sociolinguistics, dialectology and applications. The focus of the conference is Hungarian as used in Hungary and her 7 neighboring countries, as well as issues related to language maintenance and shift, language rights, and language in education. The conferences alternate between locations in Hungary and a neighboring country, the last one was held in Budapest, Hungary 2018. The main theme of HuSlx21 is *the border as a convergence and divergence factor in language*.

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“THE BORDER AS A CONVERGENCE AND DIVERGENCE FACTOR IN LANGUAGE”

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Circular

**The organizers at Ferenc Rákóczi II College of Higher Education are honored to invite you to the 21st Hungarian Sociolinguistics Conference in Berehove (Beregszász), Ukraine, 8–10 October 2020.**

**The main theme of the conference:** *The border as a convergence and divergence factor in language.*

**Call Deadline:** May 15, 2020

Abstracts will be submitted online, the details of the submission will be described in the 2nd Circular.

Since the Trianon Treaty (1920), the border has played a decisive role in the discourses about Hungarian national identity, the concept of the nation, and the nation in general. Once drawn, political boundaries will inevitably begin to influence the language spoken and written within and across the border. As these administrative boundaries

determine the social networks of speakers, it is natural that contacts inside the borders become more intense, and cross-border contacts are sometimes hampered and therefore weakened. Thus, state borders are dual in nature: they evoke convergence and divergence at the same time. Varieties within the border gradually begin to converge, while varieties trapped on the other side of the border intensify separate development. Launched in 1988, the series of Hungarian Sociolinguistics Conferences has repeatedly addressed the linguistic implications of post-WWI national border changes. One hundred years after the Trianon decision, perhaps it is time to recap a fresh, 21st-century vision of what is worth knowing about this issue, with new perspectives, i.e. not from the point of view of grievances and complaints but based on the research-methodological principles of (socio)linguistics and its related fields of science.

In addition to all these topics, any lecture is accepted that touches on the central topic of the conference in some way, such as segregation of language and dialect, dialect and language boundaries, etc.

Workshops can also be organized at the suggestion of participants. A one-page summary is expected from the potential workshop leaders by March 31, 2020.

The languages of the conference are Hungarian and English.

The second circular (February 2020) will contain information on conference fees and registration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at

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We look forward to welcoming you among the speakers at the 21st Hungarian Sociolinguistics Conference.

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