

Fundamentals and Advances in Balkan Linguistics (FABL)

University of Belgrade – Faculty of Philology

16-18 November 2023

We are pleased to announce that the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philology will host an international conference on Fundamentals and Advances in Balkan Linguistics (FABL) on 16-18 November 2023.

FABL 2023 aims to foster networking and to provide a forum for high-quality research in all (sub)domains of Balkan linguistics / linguistics of the Balkan languages / languages of the Balkans, and related topics in language contact studies and areal linguistics, by creating an opportunity for both established and emerging researchers in the field to meet, present and discuss their work in a friendly and stimulating atmosphere.

Invited speakers

Ana Stulic (Bordeaux Montaigne)

Lumnije Jusufi (Berlin Humboldt)

Adina Dragomirescu (Bucharest)

Abstract submission

Abstracts are invited for 20-minute presentations, followed by a 10-minute discussion, on any aspect of Balkan linguistics, including but not limited to:

- structure of Balkan languages and dialects in synchrony and diachrony
- (micro-)variation in Balkan languages and dialects
- divergent and convergent features in Balkan languages and dialects
- linguistic corpora and corpus languages in the Balkans
- (historical) sociolinguistics in the Balkans
- bilingualism and multilingualism in the Balkans
- history of Balkan linguistics / history of linguistics in the Balkans
- mechanisms of contact-induced language change and retention
- linguistic areas, micro- and macro-areas in the Balkans and neighbouring zones

Abstracts should not exceed one page (including examples and figures, excluding references). They should have 2.5 cm or 1 inch margins and be written in a font size not smaller than 12 pt. The abstracts, including authors' name, affiliation and email address, should be sent as a doc(x) or pdf file to balkanlinguistics@gmail.com. The organizers will anonymize all submissions and send them for review to the members of the Programme Committee.

In order to guarantee diversity, one person may be the first author of only one submission. Preferred language of submissions as well as presented papers is English.

The deadline for abstract submissions is 15 July 2023. Notification of acceptance will be given by 31 August 2023.

The meeting is planned as an in-person event. Online participation may be allowed, too, under specific circumstances (such as travel restrictions or overlapping events). Requests for online participation will be considered on a case-by-case basis and should be directed to the organizers by email.

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline: **15 July 2023**

Notification of acceptance: **31 August 2023**

Registration: **September – October 2023**

Conference dates: **16-18 November 2023**

Registration fee

Regular: 70 euro

Reduced: 30 euro (PhD students, scholars from war and conflict zones, accompanying persons)

The registration fee includes the conference pack, refreshments, welcome reception and the conference dinner. Post-conference excursion on Sunday, November 19 is not included in the registration fee.

Registration will start on 1 September 2023.

Social programme

Welcome reception (included in the registration fee)

Conference dinner (included in the registration fee)

Belgrade guided city walk (included in the registration fee)

Post-conference excursion on Sunday, November 19 (not included in the registration fee)

Publication

Publication of a collective volume is planned in 2024. Authors of papers presented at FABL will be invited to submit their papers for publication in the first half of 2024.

FABL 2023 Organising Committee

Đorđe Božović (Belgrade), convenor

Aleksandar Trifunović (Ljubljana)

More info can be found on the FABL website at sites.google.com/view/fabl2023 and on social media (Fb group [Balkan linguistics](#)).

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