

Call for Papers Third Conference on Language Contact in Times of Globalization (LCTG3) University of Greifswald, Germany 30 June 2011 – 02 July 2011

From 30 June to 02 July 2011, the Chair of English Linguistics in the Institute of Foreign Languages of the University of Greifswald will host the 'Third Conference on Language Contact in Times of Globalization' (LCTG3). The symposium will take place in the 555<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the university and will be organized in cooperation with the University of Groningen, continuing the tradition which was started there with the two forerunner conferences LCTG1 and LCTG2 in 2006 and 2009.

The old German Hanseatic and University Town of Greifswald will be a suitable conference place for LCTG3, also in light of its history: In fact, Greifswald was Swedish between 1631 and 1815. The city itself makes part of a European contact zone, namely that of the Baltic Sea Area, which has regained importance after the fall of the iron curtain.

With our Call for Papers, we would like to invite contributions – preferably oral presentations of 30 minutes in length (including discussion) – from different philologies. To facilitate interdisciplinary discussion, the conference language will be English. The conference will focus on language choice and contact scenarios in real-life settings, the media and multilingual institutions. We propose the following thematic fields:

- (1) Contact-induced change: from language mixing to mixed languages
- (2) Scientific and public discourse on issues of language contact
- (3) Language use, language politics and language conflicts in multilingual settings
- (4) The creative potential of language contact and multilingual speech

We also welcome contributions which make use of new theoretical paradigms, e.g. 'Linguistic Landscapes' research or cognitive sociolinguistics. Depending on the variety of papers proposed, we are going to arrange different conference sections according to linguistic areas or language families to bring together contributions with similar thematic or theoretical orientations in the aforementioned fields.

Please send in your abstract (max. 500 words) via mail to **lctg3@uni-greifswald.de** by **15 November 2010**, using the official abstract form. We will notify you about the acceptance of your paper by 15 March 2011. Additionally, we are going to set up a conference website with further, continuously updated information on important organizational matters by the end of this year.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Greifswald!

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