

54th Poznań Linguistic Meeting Thematic Session: **Managing linguistic diversity. Social factors and constraints in the transmission of multilingualism** organized by Justyna Olko and Elwira Dexter-Sobkowiak (University of Warsaw)

Date: 20-Sep-2026 - 23-Sep-2026

Location: Poznań, Poland

Linguistic Field(s): Sociolinguistics

Submission Deadline: 15-Apr-2026

The session aims to explore some of the urgent questions related to the conceptualization, study, and management of linguistic diversity in a broad cross-cultural perspective. We are particularly interested in identifying key factors and challenges in the continuity, evolution, and reproduction of diversity, with a special focus on the transmission of social and individual multilingualism in diverse language ecologies. By engaging with different methodologies and research paradigms, we seek to examine the long-term legacies of colonialism and the nation-state in the erosion of linguistic diversity, as well as sustainable strategies for its protection and promotion.

The session aims to bring together scholars working on linguistic diversity in both European and non-European contexts, ensuring fair representation of Indigenous and minoritized settings from the Global South. Topics addressed in the session will include:

- evolutionary and mixed-method approaches to linguistic diversity and multilingualism
- factors contributing to the emergence, maintenance, reduction, and loss of linguistic diversity
- decolonial and deglobalizing paradigms, as well as Southern epistemologies, in approaches to linguistic diversity
- implications of language ideologies and attitudes for language maintenance
- language policies and educational strategies oriented toward the preservation of linguistic diversity and sustainable multilingualism
- practical strategies and paradigms aimed at preventing further loss of linguistic diversity

Abstract submission guidelines: For detailed abstract submission guidelines, along with abstract review criteria, visit the 54th PLM website (<https://wa.amu.edu.pl/plm/2025/Home>)