

# Call for papers for an interdisciplinary symposium:

## Rules and incentives in language policy and planning: Economic, legal, and sociolinguistic approaches

2022-06-16 – 2022-06-17

REAL – RESEARCH GROUP “ECONOMICS, POLICY ANALYSIS, AND LANGUAGE”

### CALL FOR PAPERS

REAL (Research group “Economics, policy analysis, and language”) organizes in 2022 an interdisciplinary symposium on June 16 and 17 at [Andrássy-Universität Budapest](#) and [Nemzeti Közszolgálati Egyetem Ludovika \(University of Public Service\)](#), Budapest. The program committee consists of Michele Gazzola (Ulster University, REAL), Noémi Nagy (Nemzeti Közszolgálati Egyetem), Anneliese Rieger (Andrássy-Universität), Balázs Vizi (Nemzeti Közszolgálati Egyetem) and Bengt-Arne Wickström, chair (Andrássy-Universität, REAL).

Language policy is a form of public policy that in many countries finds its basis in constitutions, laws, decrees, or simply tradition. The contributions in the symposium will compare and scrutinize, both empirically and theoretically, the role of rules and incentives in influencing individual linguistic practices and representations. In addition, the symposium explores the intended and observed effects of the implementation of different language-policy instruments on speakers’ behavior and on multilingual practices in organizations.

Submissions addressing the general theme of the symposium are invited, including but not limited to the following questions:

- To what extent and how do international norms influence language policy?
- Is the public status (the social, economic, or political standing, etc.) of a minority reflected in the actual conduction of language policies?
- Do members of different minorities react differently to given policy measures?
- Should, and if so, how can language policy be “tailor-made” for each linguistic minority?
- What would be a sensible minority and/or language policy for the European Union?
- Which legal rules and decision-making processes create the strongest incentives for reaching the given goals of language policy?
- Do economic incentives play a role in promoting multilingualism in the public sector?
- Are formal binding rules more effective in language policy and planning than indirect incentives?
- Do symbolic incentives play an important role in language policy and planning?

Those interested in presenting a paper should send an abstract of no more than 500 words to [Bengt-Arne Wickström](#) before March 1.

Selected papers can be submitted to a thematic issue of the journal *Language Problems & Language Planning* and will be subjected to the normal refereeing procedure.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The home page of the symposium can be found at [Symposium: Rules and incentives](#).

The symposium will feature two invited keynote speakers. The [United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues](#), Fernand de Varennes, has accepted our invitation to deliver one of the keynote addresses.

On the evening before the symposium, the participants are invited to an informal welcoming reception at Andrásy-Universität. There will also be receptions in the evening of each day of the symposium.

Early registration will open on April 1. For early registrants, the participation fee will be at most 150 euros.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 2022-03-01 Deadline for submitting an abstract
- 2022-04-01 Decisions on submitted abstracts
- 2022-04-01 Opening of early registration
- 2022-04-15 Registration deadline for presenters of accepted papers
- 2022-05-15 Begin of late registration period (higher participation fee)
- 2022-06-15 Welcoming reception
- 2022-06-16 First day of the symposium hosted by Andrásy-Universität
- 2022-06-17 Second day of the symposium hosted by Nemzeti Közszolgálati Egyetem