Call for Papers

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the Department of Linguistics at Aligarh Muslim University, a three-day Symposium on Linguistics Across Disciplines (LAD) is being organized from November 2-4, 2018.

Boundary concepts are cutting across many traditional disciplines of humanities. Dismantling of disciplinary boundaries perhaps stems from the idea that language is not just one to one representation of thought but it is the very condition of thought. This conception is sometimes labeled as a linguistic turn - an endemic current of analyzing socio-cultural phenomena as language. The interdisciplinarity implied by the term ‘linguistic turn’ constitutes one of the uneasy moments in its encounter with different disciplines. Linguistics, in fact, has moved outward from an emphasis on phonological theory, syntactic theory and idealized forms of language to a broader concern for the study of language in its cognitive and wider social settings.

Attention to the ways language construct reality has opened up behavior, cultural and historical epoch to reading as texts. Linguistic turn has implication not only for disciplines such as anthropology, sociology, polity, cultural studies, history of women and gender, but also for the cognitive sciences with its various trends such as computational representational understanding of the mind, connectionism and embedded cognition. The strength of linguistics today is consilience, i.e. cutting across boundaries of disciplines. The term ‘consilience’ is used to indicate the search for successful construction of links that are concerned with “disciplines”, which are based on collaboration among researchers having different background and different expertise, rather than specific theoretical and methodological approaches.

The boundary crossings between disciplines have challenged the foundations of individual fields while at the same time creating new domains of interdisciplinary inquiry that seems to
render obsolete the familiar tools, concepts and epistemologies of traditional disciplines. It is
hoped that the Symposium will serve as interdisciplinary platform for addressing a range of
issues that seem to exhibit the relevance of Linguistics Across Disciplines.

The Symposium will be followed by an intensive discussion keeping into consideration funda-
mental issues for Linguistics today. In the face of the transformations in the contemporary
world, the objective of this discussion is to instigate debates that would facilitate courses of ac-
tion and encourage propositional dialogues necessary for promoting and sustaining interdiscip-
linarity of research between linguistics and other areas of knowledge.

You are invited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Department of Linguistics at AMU, Ali-
garh and contribute in this event, which we hope would platform for dissemination and sharing
of the recent theoretical and methodological trends in the areas of linguistics that are required in
strengthening the consilience in linguistics today.

The sub-themes of the Symposium include but are not limited by the following:

1. Language and Cognition
2. Language and Technology
3. Language and Identity
4. Language and Gender
5. Language, Ideology and Politics
6. Language and Multilingual Education
7. Language and Forensic Studies
8. Language Narratives and Discourse Analysis
9. Diaspora Studies
10. Applied Linguistics
11. Sociolinguistics
12. Other related converging areas pertaining to the above themes in Anthropology, Sociology,
   and Media Studies etc.

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