

Vulnerable and Endangered Languages in Europe (VELE2024)

University of Belgrade – Faculty of Philology

2-4 October 2024

We are pleased to announce that the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philology will host the international conference “Vulnerable and Endangered Languages in Europe” (VELE2024) on 2-4 October 2024.

VELE2024 is the result of the *Vulnerable Languages and Linguistic Varieties in Serbia* (VLingS) project, carried out between 2022 and 2024 by the Institute for Balkan Studies of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, the Faculty of Philology of the University of Belgrade, the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Novi Sad and the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Niš (more at: <https://vlings.rs/>). The aim of the project is to create a precise tool for assessing the degree of language endangerment and vulnerability, and to apply it to a statistically significant sample of speakers in Serbia, thus helping build support for language communities, NGOs and the government in their efforts to maintain and revitalize vulnerable languages, and serving as a model for vulnerability assessment in linguistic communities worldwide. VELE2024 aims to extend the scope of the VLingS project by bringing together both established and emerging researchers who focus on language endangerment in Europe, to meet, present and discuss their work in a friendly and stimulating atmosphere.

Invited speakers

Giustina Selvelli (University of Ljubljana)

Yaron Matras (Aston University)

Tomasz Wicherkiewicz (University of Poznań)

Abstract submission

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

- intergenerational language transmission
- language documentation
- the challenges of bilingualism for speakers of endangered languages
- language revitalization and language policy
- the presence of vulnerable languages in the linguistic landscape
- multilingualism and the visibility of endangered languages
- defining the mother tongue
- speakers' attitudes towards endangered languages
- standardization of endangered languages
- degrees of language endangerment
- the methodology of researching endangered and vulnerable languages
- vulnerable languages in education
- language prestige and language stigma

Abstracts should not exceed 500 words, with spaces (including examples and figures, excluding references). They should have 2.5 cm margins and be written in a 12 pt font size. The abstracts, including the author's name, affiliation and email address, should be sent as a doc(x) file to vele2024belgrade@gmail.com by 1 March 2024. Notification of acceptance will be given by 1 April 2024. The language of submissions as well as presented papers is English.

In order to guarantee diversity, one person may be the first author of only one submission.

The conference is planned as an in-person event only. Online participation will not be possible.

Publication

Publication of the conference proceedings is planned for 2025. Authors of papers accepted for presentation at VELE2024 will be invited to submit their papers for publication by 30 November 2024. During the conference, they will have the chance to discuss their findings with colleagues and fellow researchers and receive feedback. The selected papers will be subject to a double-blind review process.

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline: **1 March 2024**

Notification of acceptance: **1 April 2024**

Registration: **May 2024**

Conference dates: **2-4 October 2024**

Paper submission: **30 November 2024**

Publication of the conference proceedings: **2025**

Registration fee

Regular: 90 euro

Reduced: 50 euro (PhD students, scholars from conflict zones, accompanying persons)

The registration fee includes the conference pack, refreshments and the welcome reception.

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More info can be found on the VlingS website (<https://vlings.rs/>) and on socialmedia (Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/vulnerablelanguagesserbia>, Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/v_ling_s/?hl=en).

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