The International Language and Territory Colloquium, held in Sudbury (Canada, 2010) Tbilisi (Georgia, 2015), Kenitra (Morocco, 2017) and Trento (Italy, 2019), brought together a large number of researchers from all over the world to discuss various themes and contexts in which language and territory are interrelated.

Language and territory both conceptually refer to social structuring, space and a sense of belonging. A historical approach to these notions reveals innovation and new practices in the societies that shape them. They are also highly polysemic terms with differing semantic contours according to usage, context, aims. The representations they embody are sustained by underlying links and structures. Together, they evoke exchanges, movements, blending, but also withdrawal and conflict. They are an invitation to travel, to creativity, to self-expression or to encounters with the Other.

This colloquium will discuss the different ways that languages and territories are linked, and will show the political, social and economic stakes that arise from the relationships between them. Above all, these terms refer to men and women with their social practices and representations, at the core of the logic of territoriality. New territories give rise to new language practices, which, in turn, create new spaces, discourse and meaning.

The "boundaries" we draw between languages and territories are permeable in time and space, depending on factors such as population displacement, language policies, linguistic and social representations, education, mass media and socio-cultural values.

The 5th Edition of the International Language and Territory Colloquium will be held on Occitan territory. Thus, an important question arises: the territory of the Occitan language appears on linguistic maps that are more or less exact, and whose boundaries have varied since the early 19th century. It is not currently identified as an administrative territory, even if one third of the area has appropriated the name Occitania, nor has it ever existed historically as a territory. Instead, there were various provinces, whose boundaries were not tied to any linguistic referent. It is a linguistically diverse territory, and as such it can give rise to debate.
In short, one could not imagine a better illustration of the issues addressed by the colloquium, which will take place within a multi- and interdisciplinary framework allowing an exchange of systematic and analytical approaches on the complexity of the links and interfaces between languages and territories. Proposals for papers may address the following themes or others.

Language and Virtual Territory
Language, Territory and Planning
Language, Territory and Contacts
Language, Territories and Conflict
Language, Territory and Law
Language, Territory and Economy
Language, Territory and Education
Language, Territory and History
Language, Territory and Identity
Language, Territory and Imagination
Language, Territory and Literature
Language, Territory and Minorities
Language, Territory and Mobility
Language, Territory and Globalization
Language, Territory and Digital Technology
Language, Territory and Politics
Language, Territory and Philosophy
Language, Territory and Nation
Language, Territory and First Nations
Language, Territory and Religion
Language, Territory and Networks
Language, Territory and Companies
New language(s), new Territory(ies)
Languages, Territory and Writing
Language "without territory", territory "without language".
Language, Territory and Heritage

To participate in the conference:
We invite you to submit an proposal for an individual oral presentation or a panel session. All proposals will be subject to double-blind evaluation by the Scientific Committee.

Individual oral presentations:
Individual oral presentations should not exceed 20 minutes and may be given in French, English, Spanish or Occitan.
Abstract submissions for oral presentations should have a maximum of 3,000 characters (including spaces).

Panel Sessions:
Panels bring together 3 or 4 speakers and address a shared issue.
Duration: 90 minutes, including (at least) a 15-minute questions period.
Each proposal submission (maximum 6,000 characters, including spaces) should indicate the issue and include one abstract per speaker.
The deadline for sending abstracts for oral individual presentations or panels is **October 18, 2020.**

**Submit your proposals** via the [Submission page](#) of the Colloquium [website](#). If you don't have a Sciencesconf account, you can create one by [clicking this link](#).

**Important Dates:**
- October 18, 2020: Deadline for Proposals
- January 2021: Notification of acceptance (or refusal)
- February 2021: Registration opens
- April 2021: Provisional program

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