

Linguistics in the Gulf-1

The Department of Foreign Languages at Qatar University is pleased to announce its conference on “Linguistics in Gulf” to be held on March 14-15, 2007. The Department hopes that the conference will bring together researchers and experts investigating a wide range of topics related to the study of language in the Arabian Gulf region. We invite contributions in any area of research on the language scene in this region including, but not limited to:

- Formal aspects of the Gulf spoken dialects;
- Contact with other languages;
- Linguistic variation;
- Linguistic change;
- Language planning and language politics;
- Relation to Standard Arabic.

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Professor Bruce Ingam
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Papers Submission

Abstracts (of 400 words max) should be submitted electronically as an attachment (in rich text format) to mjbakir@qu.edu.qa.

They should include:

Title of paper

Name, affiliation, email and postal address of the author(s)

Deadline for abstracts: Monday, January 15, 2007

Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged as soon as possible.

Notification of acceptance will be sent by Tuesday, January 30, 2007.

Presentations will be 20 minutes long followed by 10 minutes question period

Program

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Hall 225

College of Education

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Opening Ceremony

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

Coffee Break

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Plenary Speech

Bruce Ingam (SOAS, University of London):
Narrative Strategies in Arabian Oral Literature

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Session One

Chair: Prof. Mari-Helene Cote

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Alan Keye (UAE University): *Irreversible Binomials and other Parts of Speech in Arabic and English*

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Hamza Khshaifaty (King Abdul-Aziz University): *Syntactic Variation between Classical Arabic and Hijazi Arabic: An Empirical Study*

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Abdul Wahed Ghaleb (Sanaa University): *A Socio-cultural and Linguistic Analysis of Yemeni Arabic Personal Names*

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Noureddine Guella (King Saud University): *Possessive Constructions in Arabic: A Cross-dialectal Comparative Study*

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Lunch

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Session Two

Chair: Prof. Clive Holes

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Sabah Safi & M. Sabir (King Abdulaziz University): *Developmental Diglossia: Diglossic Switching And The Equivalence Constraint*

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Abdulhameed Al-Daffar (University of Basrah): *Syntactic Variation In Khasibi Arabic: A Sociolinguistic Study*

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Darweish Alemadi & Moneera Al-Muhannadi (Qatar University): *Language Change: Examples From Qatari Arabic*

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Khawla Aljenaie (Kuwait University): *Negation In Kuwaiti Arabic*

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Coffee Break

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Session Three Chair: Prof. Sabah Safi
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Saleh Shaalan & Heather Van Der Lely (University College, London): <i>Characteristics of Morphosyntactic Deficits in a Qatari Child with Specific Language Impairment (SLI)</i>
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	T. Al-Subhi & Sabah Safi (King Abdulaziz University): <i>The Manifestation of Dyslexia in Arabic</i>
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Mariam Khater & Saleh Shaalan (University College, London): <i>Reporting Norms of Mean Length of Utterance in Words and Morphemes for Qatari Speaking Children</i>
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM	A. Al-Mohammadi & Sabah Safi (King Abdulaziz University): <i>Language Mode, Language Input and Code-mixing in Bilingual Children</i>
9:00 PM	Lunch
Thursday, March 15, 2007	
Hall 225	
College of Education	
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Plenary Speech Professor Clive Holes (Oxford University): <i>The Gulf Arabic Dialects: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow</i>
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM - 12:30 AM	Session Four Chair: Dr. Haifa Al-Buainain
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Eiman Mustafawi & Mari-Helene Cote (Qatar University & University of Ottawa): <i>Lenition in Arabic: From The Language-specific To The Universal</i>
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Faisal Al-Mohanna (King Saud University): <i>Positional Syllable Maximality</i>
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Abdulrahman Al-Hudhaif (Imam M. Bin Saud University): <i>Palatalization in Qassimi Arabic</i>
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	A. Idrissi & J. Prunet, & R. Beland (UAE University): <i>External and Internal Evidence for the Abstractness of Semitic Morphemes</i>
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Session Five Chair: Prof. Alan Keye

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Abdul Gabbar Al-Sharafi (Sultan Qaboos University): <i>Mounting the Hurdle: English as the Medium of Instruction in Qatari Independent Schools</i>	Print Forward to a friend Update this page
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Abdul Fattah Al-Jabr (University of Bahrain): <i>The Grammatical Features of UOB Students' Spoken Discourse</i>	
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Abdaullah Khuwaileh (UAE University): <i>Multilingualism & Code Switching in the UAE</i>	
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Ebtisam Naji (Qatar University): <i>The Difficulties of Using Standard Arabic by International Students at Qatar University</i>	
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Coffee Break	
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Session Six Chair: Dr. Faisal Al-Mohanna	
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Yasser Gomaa (Riyadh Teachers' College): <i>Language Contact: the Effect of Pidgin Arabic on Saudi Arabic Dialects</i>	
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Ibrahim Sallo (Gulf University College): <i>Language Use in the Arabian Gulf Countries: A Sociolinguistic Study</i>	
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Murtadha Bakir (Qatar University): <i>Notes on the Verbal System in Gulf Pidgin</i>	
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Denes Gazsi (University of Budapest): <i>Some Arab and Persian Termini Technici of Fishing and Pearl-diving</i>	
9:00 PM	Dinner	