

The Åland Islands Peace Institute

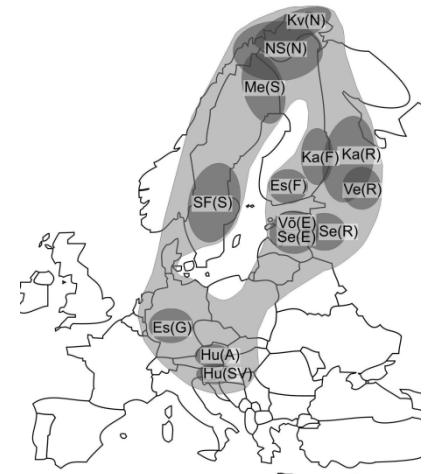
CHANGING LINGUISTIC LANDSCAPES

Open Conference, 27th September 2012

Call for Papers

The European linguistic landscape is experiencing a profound transformation. Innovations and changes in language policies, education, migration patterns etc. challenge and change the roles and functions of languages within and between states and ethnic groups. **European Language Diversity for All (ELDIA)** is an interdisciplinary research project for reconceptualizing, promoting and re-evaluating individual and societal multilingualism.

Experts on applied linguistics and sociolinguistics, law, social studies and statistics, drawn from eight universities in six European countries, work together to contribute to a better understanding of how local, "national" and "international" (vehicular) languages interact in contemporary Europe. The project runs during the period March 2010 - June 2013, studying and comparing 14 different language groups in eight European countries. ➔



The first preliminary results of the project started appearing within the report series *Working Papers in European Language Diversity*, available online on the project website: <http://www.eldia-project.org>.

On 26th - 28th of September 2012 an ELDIA-conference will take place in Mariehamn, Finland. Mariehamn is the capital of the Åland Islands. Enjoying a special status in Finland and under international law, the autonomous Åland Islands have many unique regulatory features relating to language. **The Åland Islands Peace Institute**, an independent charitable foundation, responsible for developing the legal and institutional analyses within the ELDIA-project, is the main organizer of the conference in Mariehamn. More information about the Mariehamn ELDIA-conference will be forthcoming on the website of the Institute, <http://www.peace.ax>.

In connection with the ELDIA-conference, an open conference will be organized on Thursday 27th of September. The open conference is aimed at researchers and others interested in languages, language policies, language regulations, language education and the changing roles and functions of languages within

and between states and ethnic groups. Proposals are invited for papers to be presented at workshops on the following sub-topics:

1. Conceptualisations of 'language' in law and other fields
2. Recent developments in language policy and legislation in Europe
3. Language regulations and policy in autonomous regions
4. Language regulation and practice in the private sphere
5. Entrenching multilingualism in and through law
6. Language requirements in citizenship procedures

Abstracts are invited from all disciplines, of not more than 500-words in length, with name, address and affiliation in the body of an email and a brief biographical description (max. one page), to Ms Sarah Stephan, sarah@peace.ax.

Papers, presentations and workshops will be accepted in English and Swedish. A selection of the proceedings of this conference will be published.

Deadline for receipt of abstracts is February 29th, 2012.

Deadline for confirmation of acceptance is April 2nd, 2012.

The conference opens with a reception 7 pm on the eve of the European Language Day, September 26th, and continues with a full day programme 9 am – 5 pm on the 27th of September, 2012. While the 28th of September shall be devoted to internal ELDIA-work for researchers involved in the ELDIA-project, other guests will be offered possibilities to visit various Ålandic sites during the Friday.

Conference participants shall cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. For basic travel information, please check www.visitaland.com.

For further information about the conference, please contact Ms Sarah Stephan, sarah@peace.ax.

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