



# LANGUAGE MOBILITY AND BELONGING

## LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY CONFERENCE

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**Somerville College | University of Oxford**  
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### CALL FOR PAPERS

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What is the role played by language in the conceptualisation and regulation of belonging in contexts of migration and global movement? Following the 2016 Language, Indexicality and Belonging Conference, the 2017 conference seeks to continue to bring together leading scholars and graduate students in linguistic anthropology and related fields in order to discuss the linguistic aspects of social and spatial mobility in the contemporary world.

**At the conference we are interested in addressing such questions as:**

- How are national and transnational forms of belonging constructed through legal language? And to what extent can the multiplicity of voices be secured in state-sponsored language policy?
- How do the linguistic practices of different groups challenge existing categories of belonging and how do they participate in the creation of new socio-cultural formations?
- How do forms of 'citizenship education' and 'naturalisation' language policies further or impede the development of polities within and across borders?
- How do migration and increased global movement affect existing language ideologies and norms? And how do these call into question existing structures of socioeconomic mobility?

We invite 20-minute-long papers contributing to the debates surrounding language policy and legal language, immigrant integration and 'naturalization' policies relating to language, and the relationships between forms of citizenship, socioeconomic mobility and belonging, language ideology and linguistic practice.

Preference will be given to papers based on fieldwork conducted in the last three years. The papers given at the conference will be published in a journal, subject to academic review.

Submissions of 500-word abstracts with keywords, and short bios in a separate file, should be sent to [lmb.conference2017@gmail.com](mailto:lmb.conference2017@gmail.com).

Abstracts will undergo blind review, so please make sure that your submission is properly anonymised. The deadline for submissions is **December 9, 2016**. Accepted speakers will be notified on **January 16, 2017**.

For more information please visit our website: <http://lmbconference2017.wixsite.com/lmb2017>

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