

**Dear Colleague,**

The Organizing Committee of the annual Conference **“Problems of ontolinguistics – 2021: the language system of a child in monolingual and multilingual settings”** is pleased to invite you to take part in this event. The Conference is organized by the Children's Speech Laboratory (The Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia) and by the Department of the Theory of Grammar (Institute for Linguistic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences), **April 13-15, 2021.**

**The Conference will be presumably held online.**

**We suggest the following issues for discussion:**

- The phonetic development of the child: sequential vs. stadial formation of the sound system
- The formation of the morphological component of the language system: schemata, rules or lexically based development
- The emergence of syntax: universal and language-specific features
- Acquisition of the lexical system
- The formation of the child's mental lexicon
- The language worldview of monolinguals and bilinguals
- Children's word formation: general and individual features
- Psycholinguistic aspects of reading and writing
- The development of metalanguage activity and the language reflection of the child
- Psycholinguistic aspects of the child's communicative development and problems of input

Undergraduate and postgraduate students can present reports at the poster session.

We do not encourage participation by correspondence.

The conference's working languages are Russian and English.

Applications to participate and abstracts (1000 – 1500 characters including spaces) will be accepted until February 01, 2021, at the link <https://forms.gle/8JmfrNBjw1F8xSncA>

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to select reports based on their relevance to the conference theme, as determined by double-blind peer review. Authors will be notified about the decision of the Organizing Committee before March 01, 2021.

The Organizing Committee is not able to reimburse any expenses of the conference participants.

Abstracts for the electronic digest are accepted until April 01, 2021. Texts must be formatted according to the requirements of the RSCI (requirements will be sent in the information letter No.2). Abstracts will be published in the authors' edition.

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