

Conference “Cases in Uralic, Altaic and Paleo-Asiatic languages”

The Institute for Linguistic Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences announces the conference “Cases in Uralic, Altaic and Paleo-Asiatic languages”. The conference will take place at the Institute for Linguistic Studies (St. Petersburg, Tuchkov per., 9), on **October 21-23, 2021**. The format of the conference (offline, online or mixed) will be defined later depending on epidemic situation.

Case is a grammatical category of nominal and pronominal parts of speech as well as verbal forms with nominal morphology (participle, infinitives and others). Cases mark syntactic and/or semantic role of a word in sentence.

In many languages, case has functions that go beyond default ones. In some languages, case can express meanings from the Tense-Aspect-Modality zone or it can reflect pragmatic meanings, etc.

The goal of the conference: to analyze a wide range of case functions in Uralic, Altaic and Paleo-Asiatic languages.

Here is a tentative list of topics that will be studied at the conference:

- Case systems.
- Diachronical changes in evolution of the case system.
- Semantic and syntactic case roles:
 - basic syntactic and semantic roles;
 - main and peripheral syntactic cases;
 - case and agreement;
 - paradigmatic classes;
 - case and government;
 - case as a marker of a syntactically independent noun;
 - double case marking;
 - marking of the syntactic head's role;
 - case and location;
 - distinction between case and derivation;
 - interaction of case with other nominal categories.
- Non-canonical case functions:
 - case and Tense-Aspect-Modality;
 - case and pragmatics;
 - vocative case

Anonymous abstracts for participation in the conference should be sent to e-mail: langrus.spb@gmail.com until May 15, 2021. The abstract should not exceed 3600 characters (with spaces), including examples, diagrams, tables and the list of references. The abstract should be sent in one of the following formats: .doc, .docx or .rtf. If non-standard fonts are used, they should be attached to the letter; in this case abstracts should be sent also in .pdf format. The letter should contain the information about the author / authors: name, place of work / study, e-mail address. Each participant may submit no more than two applications: in this case one of the two presentations should be made in co-authorship.

The Organizing Committee will select abstracts based on anonymous reviewing. The notification of the acceptance / rejection will be sent to the authors no later than June 15, 2021.

Time for presentations: 30 minutes (20 minutes talk + 10 minutes discussion). Conference languages: Russian, English. There is no registration fee for participation in the conference. Unfortunately, the organizing committee will not be able to reimburse expenses for travel and accommodation. A collection of abstracts will have been published by the beginning of the Conference.

Important dates:

May 15, 2021 - deadline for the submission of abstracts

June 15, 2021 - notification of acceptance / rejection of abstracts

October 21-23, 2021 - the conference

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