Relaunch Conference of the International Language and Law Association (ILLA)

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The International Language and Law Association (ILLA) was founded by legal linguists Peter Tiersma, Lawrence Solan and Dieter Stein in 2007. Their initiative was to create a network of linguists and lawyers around the world working on the language matrix of law. In that framework, language is not simply seen as a subject in the legal context or an object of forensic analysis, but as the central medium of modern constitutional states, as the mediator of social conflicts and the core of legal methodology.

After an initial period of gestation, documented in two conferences, it is now time to relaunch the ILLA, to reconfigure the society on the basis of the experiences up to this point and to give it a new sustainable structure. In memory of Peter Tiersma (1952–2014) we are organizing ILLA’s first international conference of legal linguistics in September 2017, to be held in Freiburg (Germany):

**Language and Law in a World of Media, Globalisation and Social Conflicts**

**Refounding the International Law and Language Association (ILLA)**

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*Under this general topic we especially want to discuss the following issues:*

(1) The current state of research in the field of legal linguistics in the context of increasing social conflicts in globalized, multilingual and digitalized societies. Here it is also necessary to bring together the particular research traditions of legal linguistics in different countries – for example in Germany, the United States, Russia and China.

(2) Defining the most important tasks for the young discipline of legal linguistics in different cultural, linguistic, and (inter)national contexts. It will not only be beneficial in the legal domain itself, but it will also generate extensive applicational insights at large, by searching for answers to the following questions: How can research results be transferred into the education of future lawyers both in existing programmes and in new international Master’s degree programmes? How can models of legal linguistics be useful for rethinking methodological problems in the context of transnational and multilingual law in a globalized and digitalized world? How can legal linguistics contribute to understanding and resolving social conflicts? And how can we approach legal linguistics as a “theory of practice” (Bourdieu 2009) and as a practice of courts and legislation?

(3) The foundation and restructuring of ILLA, its future guidelines and organisational framework.

(4) The establishment of a junior researcher network within ILLA, featuring a special panel as the platform for junior researchers to be informed of the development in the working field, to exchange project ideas and methodologies.

The first conference of the International Language and Law Association will be hosted by the University of Freiburg (Germany) under the direction of Prof. Dr. Friedemann Vogel, from September 7th to 9th, 2017.

**Keynote Speaker:**
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- Prof. Dr. Lawrence Solan (Brooklyn Law School, New York, US)

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The International Language and Law Association (ILLA) celebrates its reestablishment with a relaunch conference on "Language and Law in a World of Media, Globalisation and Social Conflicts" from 7 to 9 September 2017 at the University of Freiburg, Germany. This conference connects linguists and legal experts working from one perspective to another on the relationship between language and law.

Using this opportunity, we would like to announce a Junior Researcher Panel. The purpose of the panel is to provide a platform for junior researchers to be informed of the development in the working field, to exchange project ideas and methodologies, and to work towards the establishment of a junior researcher network within ILLA. We welcome junior scholars, including doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers, in the field of legal linguistics or any language and law-related subjects.

Panel format

The panel is going to be held in English. It takes place on 8 September 2017 from 17:00 to 19:00. We will start with short presentations, i.e. “lightning talks” under 5 minutes that cover the research questions, the approach of the project, the relevance of the study, and the expected findings. We also encourage the participants to prepare an electronic mini-poster (DIN-A2) based on their short presentations to be published at ILLA online as well as for potential further inquiries. After all the presentations, we will engage in a lively discussion of the possibility and practicality of a junior researcher network within ILLA. We strive to build this network as a sustainable organism of innovative studies and exchange of knowledge. We will also discuss the structure and the operational system for future meetings and activities. By the end of the panel, the participants will be asked to anonymously elect a best short presentation. The winner will be awarded with a small prize sponsored by the conference cooperation partners.

Submission of abstracts

If you are interested and would like to join our initiative and contribute to the panel, please send your paper title and abstract (max. 500 words excluding references, in PDF format) along with your name and institutional affiliation via e-mail to phd-net@illa.online by 28 February 2017. We will notify contributors of acceptance by 15 March 2017.

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