

# International Conference Perspectives on Language Variation & Attitudes (PLaVA)

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## **Important Dates**

Conference:	7–8 November 2020
Call for Papers:	1 February 2020
Deadline for Paper Submission:	1 May 2020
Notification of Acceptance:	31 May 2020
Registration:	1 June 2020
Deadline for Author Registration:	15 September 2020

As stated almost a century ago, “[e]veryone knows that language is variable” (Sapir 1921, p. 147). Since then the study of language variation has witnessed significant development in a variety of linguistic fields. The central theme of this conference is language variation and attitudes, and its aim is to attract research from the fields of sociolinguistics, linguistic theory, and dialectal variation. Our goal is to create a forum where scholars working on language variation and attitudes from different perspectives, and using different and innovative methodological tools, can exchange ideas and engage in a fruitful discussion.

## **Keynote Speakers**

Adrian Leemann	(University of Bern)
Roberta D’Alessandro	(Utrecht University)
Unn Røynealand	(University of Oslo)
Elena Theodorou	(Cyprus University of Technology)
Natalia Pavlou	(University of Cyprus)

Scholars are invited to submit their proposals on any relevant aspect of variation in language use and/or the linguistic system. We particularly welcome papers on the following topics:

- variation and change in understudied, underdocumented speech communities
- acquisition of sociolinguistic variation in multilingual, bi(dia)lectal, and diglossic communities
- language attitudes and ideologies, and their role in explaining language variation
- variation in typical and atypical or impaired language development

The topics listed are not exhaustive and any submission on the conference’s central theme is welcome.

## **Guidelines for abstract submission**

Abstracts for papers and posters can be up to 500 words (excluding references). They must be written in English and should be anonymous. Authors may submit one single-authored and one joint-authored abstract, or two joint-authored abstracts. Presentations will last 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for discussion. Authors should indicate whether they prefer an oral or a poster presentation.

Please submit your abstracts here: <https://easychair.org/my/conference?conf=plava2020#>

We look forward to meeting you in Limassol!