



Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Faculty of Humanities and Center for Civil Integration and Inter-Ethnic Relations kindly invite you to the second International Conference

## Issues of State Language Teaching; Problems and Challenges

**Date:** July 14-15, 2011

**Location:** Batumi, Georgia, Sheraton Batumi Hotel

The Topics of the Conference:

- Second language teaching methodology;
- Scientific approaches to the second language teaching (theories and models)
- Research on the issues of language teaching/learning
- Research and assessment of the language competences;
- State language and Bilingual (Multilingual) education

### **Description:**

The invitation is open to all those who are involved with the research of the issues of language teaching/learning, multilingual education, problems and challenges of second language acquisition and etc. The conference is international and Georgian and foreign researchers, scientists and experts can participate in it.

Second language acquisition is a new field of science, which had emerged in 40th of 20 century. Traditionally, language issues were only discussed in the context of phonology, syntax, morphology and etc. However, the approach was dramatically changed and second language acquisition is reviewed at least in four different contexts: (1) Linguistic vision of language; (2) Psycholinguistic vision of language; (3) Socio-cultural vision of language; (4) Pedagogical vision of language.

Georgian language is a State language all over the Georgia. Teaching State language in Georgian educational institutions all over the country is mandatory. The citizens of Georgia, to which Georgian is not a native language, have the right to receive full general education in their native languages, in accordance with the national curriculum, and the legislation. Teaching the state language is mandatory in general education institutions, and in the Autonomic Republic of Abkhazia – both state languages. Non-Georgian schools, along with the Georgian languages, must teach the History of Georgia, Geography of Georgia and other social sciences in Georgian language from 2010-2011 academic year.

The existing situation of State language teaching in Georgia as well as developments in scientific field of second language acquisition worldwide changes the role of higher educational institutions of Georgia in two directions: (a) development of the scientific field; (b) supplying general educational institutions with sufficient teaching, methodological and human resources; Thus, it is crucially important to respond these new challenges. On the one hand it is necessary to study international experience, modern achievements in language didactics, and on the other hand, it is important to research Georgian educational system and apply new approaches in it. Necessity and importance of the conference is caused by the above mentioned reasons. Organizers of the conference do believe that summarizing and consideration of the researches, concepts and approaches will be helpful for the development of the field in Georgia.

The organizers of the conference are **Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Faculty of Humanities and “Centre for Civil Integration and Inter-Ethnic Relations”**.

Conference programm includes a city tour.

**Important Dates:**

- Deadline for submission of the Abstracts - 30th of May, 2011.
- Notifications- 15th of June, 2011.
- Papers selected for the conference must be submitted no later than - 30th of June, 2011.

**Prerequisites for Submission:**

- Georgian authors must submit abstracts and papers in English and Georgian Languages; Foreign authors must submit abstracts and papers in English; The abstract must not exceed 300 words (Fonts - Sylfaen, Times New Roman; Size of font - 12) The paper must not exceed 5000 words (Fonts - Sylfaen, Times New Roman; Size of font - 12)
- The personal information about the author (Name, Affiliation, Institution, Position, and Contact Information) must be submitted together with abstract.
- The papers must be written in APA style;
- The abstracts and papers must be submitted via e-mail at the following e-mail address: [language.conference@tsu.ge](mailto:language.conference@tsu.ge)
- The conference proceedings will be published in English and Georgian languages;
- The translations of articles of foreign authors from English into Georgian will be done by the organizers of the conference;
- Organizing committee will not accept the abstracts and papers after deadline.
- Conference languages are Georgian and English.

**Time-limit**

- Presentation - 20 min
- Discussion -10 min

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