

Call for Papers



**XIth Congress of the
International Society of Dialectology and Geolinguistics
(SIDG)
Geolinguistics across Borders
Research Center Deutscher Sprachatlas, Marburg, Germany
September 7–11, 2026**

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Geolinguistics and dialectology are at a pivotal juncture in the 21st century, facing transformative challenges and opportunities that are reshaping the disciplines. Historically characterized by their adaptability to societal shifts and methodological advancements, these fields have continually evolved in response to the dynamic interplay of theoretical and empirical science. The recent surge in international collaboration has further broadened research horizons, fostering cross-border perspectives and enriching the scope of inquiry.

Traditionally focused on the regional variation of individual languages, dialectology is now increasingly oriented towards typological studies and interlinguistic relationships. In an era defined by global change, the field has transcended its national boundaries to emerge as a truly international domain of study.

Our conference theme, *Geolinguistics across Borders*, reflects this paradigm shift. Through a dedicated theme session, we aim to explore the unique challenges and opportunities geolinguistics and dialectology face in a globalized and technologized world. We invite contributions that explicitly address the interplay between dialectology, globalization, and technologization, and we seek to stimulate dialogue on how these disciplines can continue to innovate and thrive in an interconnected world.

In addition, we welcome contributions from all possible geolinguistic and dialectological sub-disciplines, for example:

- Cognitive dialectology
- Dialect contact
- Dialect sources: texts, dictionaries, atlases, corpora
- Dialectology and pragmatics
- Dialectology and language structure (phonetics, morpho-syntax, lexic)



- Dialectometry
- Dialects in media
- Geolinguistics in general
- History of geolinguistics and dialectology
- Interdisciplinary dialectology (language history, onomastics, ethnography)
- Interlingual dialectology: multilingual and multicultural variability
- (Digital) Methods in dialectology
- Perceptual dialectology
- Sociolinguistics of dialects
- Theory of dialectology
- Special section: dialectology across borders

Presentation slots: 30 minutes (20 minutes talk plus 10 minutes discussion)

Conference language: English

Abstracts (up to 300 words, including three keywords, literature excluded) should be submitted in English via [ConfTool](#).

Please note, if you explicitly refer to our main conference topic *Geolinguistics across Borders* and want to participate in our special themed section.

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: April 30, 2025

Notification of Acceptance: October 31, 2025

Registration

Early Bird: before January 31, 2026

Regular: February 01, 2026, until March 31, 2026

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

Carlota de Benito Moreno (Madrid, Spain)

Barbara Plank (Munich, Germany)

Eivind Nessa Torgersen (Trondheim, Norway)

Nikola Vuletić (Zadar, Croatia)

If you have any further questions, please contact us via email: sidg2026@uni-marburg.de.