



## *Multilingualism Matters*

**Invited Thematic Session organized by Bilingualism Matters @Poznań**



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This session aims to exchange ideas and expertise on how bi- and multilingualism have changed and developed linguistic research. Empirical language studies are currently adapting to the fact that nowadays the majority of the world's population is bi- or multilingual by introducing a number of new methodological standards, including a more thorough screening of language background of participants tested or more rigorous criteria for selecting appropriate language stimuli to be used in a study. Furthermore, bi-/multilingualism has also significantly contributed to applied linguistics, introducing novel research avenues, such as cross-linguistic influence, multicompetence, or code-switching investigated across different linguistic domains.

The session will approach bi-/multilingualism from two correlated perspectives. Firstly, it will focus on methodological issues related to the study of bi-/multilingual populations. Secondly, it will discuss the contributions of multilingual research to applied linguistics. In this two-part session, we welcome presentations devoted to addressing methodological challenges related to the study of bi-/multilingual populations, as well as to exploring the bi-/multilingual perspective while researching foreign language learning.