

## **Linguistics in the Gulf-4**

**Full Title:** Linguistics in the Gulf-4

**Short Title:** LGC-4

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**Location:** Doha, Qatar

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**Call Deadline:** January 13, 2013

After the success of the previous three conferences held in 2007, 2009, and 2011, the Department of English Literature and Linguistics, Qatar University, is pleased to announce its 4th Linguistics in the Gulf Conference (LGC) to be held on March 17-18, 2013.

The aim of the Linguistics in the Gulf Conference (LGC) is to provide a platform for scholars and professionals, whose research interests focus on language in the Gulf region, to share their ongoing research and expertise and to promote the study of linguistics in the region. The conference also aims to create opportunities for scholars to collaborate in research involving linguists working in institutions across the region.

Linguistics in the Gulf-4 invites abstracts that deal with any aspect of language in the Gulf including but not limited to the following areas:

- Formal aspects of the Gulf spoken dialects (phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics)
- Contact of the native Arabic dialects with other languages in the region
- Linguistic variation and change, language standardization, linguistic leveling, and language planning and policies
- Language ideology and attitudes about dialects and standard Arabic
- Discourse analysis of Arabic literary and non-literary texts
- Language acquisition & learning in the Gulf
- Forensic linguistics in the Arabic context
- Computational linguistics and Arabic data processing
- Neurolinguistics and bilingual language processing
- Sociolinguistics of English in the Gulf

### **Note**

- **Abstracts must be submitted online by December 31, 2012 through EasyAbs (Easy Abstracts at this link <http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/lingingulf4>**
- **Decisions about your abstracts will be communicated to you by mid-January, 2013.**

## **Organizing Committee**

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## **Keynote Speakers**

### **Reem Bassiouney**

Associate Professor of Arabic linguistics

Dr. Reem Bassiouney is Associate Professor of Arabic linguistics in the Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies at Georgetown University. Dr. Reem Bassiouney obtained her doctorate from Oxford University in Arabic linguistics. She has taught Arabic language and linguistics in UK and US universities including, Cambridge, Oxford and Utah as well as the Foreign and Commonwealth office in the UK. Her academic books include, Functions of Code-switching in Egypt (2006), published by Brill, Arabic sociolinguistics (2008), published by Edinburgh University Press, and Arabic and the media (2010) published by Brill. She has published articles on code-switching, language and gender, leveling, register, Arabic and advertisements, linguistics and literature and language policies in the Arab world.

She is also an award winning novelist. She has written several novels and a number of short stories, including the novel The Pistachio Seller, published by Syracuse University Press in 2009, and the novel Dr. Hanaa, which was the Winner of the 2009 Sawiris Foundation Literary Prize for Young Writers.

### **Jeffrey Heath**

Professor of Historical Linguistics, Morphology, Arabic and Linguistic Anthropology at the University of Michigan, USA.

Dr. Jeffrey Heath is Professor of Linguistics at the University of Michigan, USA. He is known particularly for his work in historical linguistics and for his extensive fieldwork. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1976, he worked as Assistant Professor of Linguistics at Harvard From 1977 to 1982 and as Associate Professor from 1982-1985. In 1987 he moved to the University of Michigan as Visiting Associate Professor. He was promoted to the rank of Professor in 1989.

He is a field linguist who has worked successively on Australian languages (1972-76), Maghrebi and Hassaniya Arabic (1977-90), and since 1989 on languages of Mali: Tamashek (Berber), several Songhay languages, and since 2005 he have directed a team-project on Dogon languages. He has published a number of original work on Arabic including 'Ablaut and ambiguity (1987)', 'Jewish and Muslim dialects of Moroccan Arabic(2002)', and 'From code-switching to borrowing: a case of Moroccan Arabic(1989)'.

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Linguistics in the Gulf Conference (4)

Day (1) Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

Time	Sessions	Presenters
8:00- 8:05	Welcome Speeches	Dean's Welcome Speech Dr. Eiman Mustafawi
8:05- 8:15		DELL Head's Opening Remarks Dr. Rizwan Ahmad
8:15- 9:15	Keynote Address	Keynote Speaker Prof. Jeffrey Heath University of Michigan <b>Early Moroccan Arabic as a pidgin/creole language</b>
9:15-9:45	Coffee Break	
9:45- 10:15	Sociolinguistics and Discourse Analysis Chair: Dr. Irene Theodoropoulou	Avram, Andrei A. University of Bucharest <b>Multifunctionality in Gulf pidgin Arabic: The case of <i>Fi</i></b>
10:15-10:45		Alkohlani, Fatima University of Business and Technology <b>Discourse markers at the global level in Arabic newspaper opinion articles</b>
10:45- 11:15		Al-Qenae, Mohammad University of York <b>Arabic Hypocoristics: linguistic findings</b>
11:15-11:45		Said, Fatma Faisal Birkbeck, University of London <b>Language and identity in the Gulf: The struggle to re-instate Arabic as a national language</b>
11:45-12:00	Coffee Break	
12:00-12:30	Dialects of Arabic Chair: Prof. Haifa Al-Buainain	Gazsi, Denes University of Iowa <b>Arabs of the coast &amp; islands on social media: dialectal features of Hawla Arabs on Iran`s Gulf coast</b>
12:30-1:00		Omar, Abdulfattah, Port Said University Gad, Rehab, Mansoura University <b>Modelling individual linguistic variation in Saudi spoken Arabic</b>
1:00-1:30		Al-Muhanna, Amin Punet, Jean Francois Kuwait University <b>A linguistic analysis of Kuwaiti tribal names</b>
1:30-2:30	Lunch	
2:30-3:00	Translation & Beyond Chair: Dr. Julieta Alos	Gammaz, Mariam Qatar University <b>Cultural and linguistic challenges in translation</b>
3:00-3:30		Faiq, Said American University of Sharjah <b>Peripherally central? The master discourse of intercultural translation</b>
3:30-4:00		Idrissi, Ali, United Arab Emirates University Muralikrishnan, Ramasamy, New York University-Abu Dhabi Al-Kaabi Meera, New York University-New York <b>When neuropsychological and neurophysiological data converge with linguistics Theory: The case of tense and agreement in Arabic</b>
7:00 PM	Dinner at Burj Al-Hamam at the Pearl	

**Day (2) Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2013**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Presenters</b>
<b>9:00-10:00</b>	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <b>Dr. Reem Bassiouney</b> Georgetown University <b>“Arabic” Indexes amidst a Nation and a Nation-State: Ideologies, Attitudes and Linguistic Realities</b>
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Gulf Arabic</b> <b>Chair: Ms. Afra Al-Kholifi</b>	Mendoza, Michael University of Texas at Austin <b>Manifestations of language performance as demonstrated by Qatari speakers of Arabic</b>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>		Jlassi, Mohamed University of Newcastle/CAS, Sur Oman <b>A Multiple subject construction in Arabic: evidence from Gulf Arabic</b>
<b>11:30-12:00</b>		Jarad, Najib University of Sharjah <b>The grammaticalization of the motion verb 'rah' as a prospective aspect marker in Gulf Arabic</b>
<b>12:00-1:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1:30-2:00</b>	<b>Morphosyntax/Semantics</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Tariq Khwaileh</b>	Al-Rawi, Maather King Abdulaziz University <b>Arabic action nominalizations</b>
<b>2:00-2:30</b>		Ntelitheos, Dimitrios Idrissi, Ali Eissae, Fatima United Arab Emirates University <b>The validity of MLUm as a measure of Morphosyntactic development in Emirati Arabic</b>
<b>2:30-3:00</b>		Al-Sharafi, Abdul Gabbar Sultan Qaboos University <b>Modality in Arab EFL students' academic writing: Implications for academic writing pedagogy, research</b>
<b>3:00-3:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>3:30-4:00</b>	<b>Phonetics &amp; Phonology</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Feda Al-Tamimi</b>	Damom, Mohammed Hyderabad University <b>Syllabification and vowel deletion in Tihami Yemeni Arabic</b>
<b>4:00-4:30</b>		Al Tamimi, Othaiba University of Montreal <b>Similarity avoidance in consonant metathesis errors in Arabic</b>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Tour of Souq Waqif</b>	