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INVITATION

We cordially invite you to participate in the

8th International Conference of the Commission on Sociolinguistics,

affiliated with the International Committee of Slavists

The main theme of the conference is

Slavic Languages and Contemporary Social Change

September 7–9, 2026

University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn,

Institute of Linguistics

ul. K. Obitza 1, Olsztyn (Poland)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In recent years, we have observed dynamic changes in various social groups. The development of digital technologies, changes in interpersonal communication, and transformations in worldviews are reflected in the use of language. Language responds to social moods, encodes tensions, and reflects the mental and emotional states of diverse social groups. The conference will be an excellent opportunity to exchange scholarly observations on the broadly understood relationship between communities and language.

We warmly invite guests from Poland and abroad. The languages of the 8th Conference of the Commission on Sociolinguistics include – in addition to Slavic languages – English. Our meeting will be a hybrid event. We invite you to participate in person at Kortowo, the picturesque campus of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, or to present papers online.

We are confident that the conference will become an important scientific event and will provide an opportunity to present sociolinguistic achievements in various research centers, serving as a platform for discussion and exchange of experiences between researchers from different countries.

We will focus on the following issues, among others:

- the impact of socio-civilizational changes on language use;
- new methodologies in sociolinguistic research;
- grammatical trends in Slavic languages, from phonetics to syntax;
- the social determinants of lexical development;
- linguistic norms and language use in various sociolects;
- the impact of new technologies on language description;
- the influence of communicators on linguistic behavior;
- social changes in various discourse varieties;
- naming trends in Slavic languages;
- the status of regional and community varieties of Slavic languages.

We kindly request the submission of applications **by March 30, 2026**, using the dedicated online form available at: https://forms.gle/f6paCgjpbPUx6Gfp9 (please click on the link).

Please pay the conference fee of **PLN 690 (EUR 160),** which will cover the costs of lunches, coffee breaks, the gala dinner, conference materials, and the printing of the conference publication, **by April 30, 2026**, to the following account: 59 1160 2215 1161 4000 1488 0127 (**please include "Slavic languages" in the transfer title**).

With respect, warm greetings, and hope for a successful September meeting in beautiful Olsztyn.

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