

# **International Linguistic Association**

## *Monthly Lecture Series*

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### **The Impact of Language Planning and Policies on Vitality of Languages: A Case Study of the Pakistani Linguistic Situation**

#### Abstract

This paper will cover the broader linguistic situation in a multi-linguistic and multiethnic Pakistan. The main focus will be Punjabi, a major language in the country. The presentation will comprise of two parts; the first part will briefly introduce the audience to the present linguistic situation of Pakistan and provide a brief history of different language policies since the inception of the country in 1947. This part will also cover the impact of these policies on the vitality and status of these languages. The second part will focus on issues related to the vitality, perception, status, and the future of Punjabi in Pakistani Punjab. It will also focus on how these policies based on a so-called ideology of Pakistan have affected the language attitudes and perceptions of the populace towards their own mother tongue in the province of Punjab.

**Saturday, March 2, 2019 11 AM - 12 PM**

**Hunter College, West Building, 904 Lexington Avenue, Room 424 West  
New York, NY 10065**

#### **Directions**

The West Building of Hunter College is on the south west corner of Lexington Avenue and 68<sup>th</sup> Street, right by the Number 6 subway station. Enter the building by the revolving doors on 68<sup>th</sup> Street and register with the security guards, whose desk is to the left of the doors. Then take the escalator up to the fourth floor. At the top, you will see a sign to your left pointing along a corridor to room 424. The room is on the right hand side of the corridor.

There will be a meeting of the ILA's Executive Board from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the same day in room 1222 of the West Building.

***NOTE: All attendees will be asked to show some form of ID in order to enter the college.***