Contact and Multilingualism,
New series at Language Science Press
Call for manuscripts proposals

Aims and Scope

The Contact and Multilingualism (CAM) series aims at providing a high quality and open-access publishing platform for empirical and theoretical studies on multilingualism and language contact. Being an inherently interdisciplinary domain of research, the study of multilingualism and language contact feeds on different areas, branches of linguistics and connected disciplines ranging from qualitative and quantitative sociolinguistics, contact linguistics, historical linguistics, linguistic anthropology, language acquisition and socialization, discourse analysis, sociology of language, to linguistic typology.

The CAM series takes interest in the multifactorial nature of language contact and it welcomes studies on both synchronic and diachronic aspects of multilingualism worldwide and especially in the Global South. Topics covered by the series include individual and societal aspects of multilingualism, variation in contact settings, multilingual repertoires, multilingualism and transnationality, multilingual practices (e.g. switching, mixing, poly / translanguaging), contact-induced language change, areal convergence/divergence, as well as the emergence and the typologisation of contact languages. Given the peculiar epistemological problems in the analysis of heterogeneous data gathered in multilingual settings, we also welcome methodological contributions proposing innovative solutions for the collection, the treatment, and the qualitative/quantitative analysis of plurilingual corpora. In addition, the CAM series invites studies on language regimentation, critical discourse analysis, linguistic landscape and language ideologies in multilingual societies.

Although the CAM series does not align itself against any specific theoretical and/or methodological framework, preference will be given to empirically oriented studies presenting first-hand data coming from original fieldwork. Ethnographies will also be most welcome. The CAM series will not accept descriptive grammars of contact languages (pidgins, creoles, and mixed languages) that can be submitted to other LSP series (e.g. Studies in Diversity Linguistics). The same holds true for formal approaches to multilingualism, as well as for studies on second language teaching and learning, psycholinguistic and cognitive approaches to bilingualism that could be submitted to the LSP Current Issues on Bilingualism series. The CAM series will publish monographs and edited volumes.

Keywords: language contact, contact-induced language change, multilingualism in synchrony and diachrony, multilingual language practices and ideologies, multilingual regimentation and policy (health, justice, education, family), multilingual repertoires and landscape, socialization and transnationality, plurilingual corpora, Global South
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Procedure for publishing a monograph or an edited volume

CAM welcomes both monographs and edited volumes.

In an attempt to embrace different research traditions in multilingualism and contact linguistics, CAM will accept submissions in English and French. Manuscripts in German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese can also be accepted if the authors/editors provide suggestions for proofreaders.

Submission of proposals

Proposals for monographs and edited volumes should include a detailed table of contents (with max 500-word abstracts of each of intended chapter/contributions) plus a 2000-word description. Affiliations of all authors/editors should be included.

Submission of manuscripts and reviewing

If accepted, monographs will be reviewed by two members of the editorial board, together with one series editor.

In the case of collective volumes, chapters will be reviewed separately; every chapter will be reviewed by two members of the editorial board (or other specialists of the subdomain identified together with the volume editor – some of them might be other contributors to the same volume).

The reviewers will be asked to provide a detailed written assessment of the manuscript covering the following criteria: a) current significance and intellectual merit; b) accuracy of the subject matter; c) theoretical and methodological coherence; d) data analysis and interpretation; e) review of the literature; f) clarity of written expression.
**Submission of revised version**

The author(s)/editor(s) submits the revised version of their manuscript to the series editors, along with documentation of the reviewing and revising process (first and revised versions of each paper, plus at least two reviews of each paper). The series editor makes no quality judgment at this stage, but merely controls whether the reviewing and revising process went according to the rules. If the submitted version diverges substantially from the original proposal, e.g. by including several new chapters or by removing several of the original chapters, a new approval is required.

**Typesetting**

The author(s)/editor(s) makes sure that the volume is typeset in LaTeX according to the Language Science Press requirements, with some limited assistance from the LangSci office.


**Proofreading**

After the typeset version has been approved by the series editors, the LangSci office approaches the volunteer proofreaders, so that each chapter is proofread by two people. The author(s)/editor(s) is asked to help with this process by finding at least one volunteer per chapter, e.g. among volume contributors or colleagues. The proofreading stage takes about six weeks.

**Publication**

After the proofreading comments have been taken into account, the final version is published.