



**MOSCOW STATE LINGUISTIC UNIVERSITY (MSLU)  
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MOSCOW BRANCH OF THE ALL-RUSSIAN SOCIETY OF THE DEAF (VOG) AND  
ROO ASSOCIATIONS OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS (RASLI)**

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the **International Scientific Conference  
SPACE OF SIGN LANGUAGES ACROSS CULTURES: INTERPRETATION,  
COMMUNICATION, RESEARCH**

scheduled for **16 – 17 December 2021** at

Moscow State Linguistic University, 38, Ostozhenka Street, Moscow.

**Conference format:** mixed; in-person participation

**The aim** of the conference is to discuss the role of sign languages in the professional training of interpreters and in intercultural communication in general, the “new normal” for sign language interpreters as well as modern interdisciplinary studies of sign languages in Russia and abroad.

**The agenda** of the conference includes the following themes:

- 1) State-of-the-art research into languages of different modalities.
- 2) Latest developments in sign language interpreting in multicultural contexts of professional communication.
- 3) Sign language interpreting in emergency conditions: lessons learned from the pandemic.
- 4) Digital technologies and sign language interpreting.
- 5) New methods of teaching sign languages: offline and online.
- 6) Training of deaf and hearing sign language interpreters: similarities and differences.
- 7) Sign language and spoken language interpreting: what is there to share?

**We are inviting:**

- 1) sign language interpreters
- 2) sign language researchers
- 3) sign language instructors
- 4) translator and interpreter trainers
- 5) inclusion experts
- 6) students and postgraduates.

**Conference working languages are:** Spoken Russian, Spoken English, Russian Sign Language, International Signs.

Interpretation will be provided from/ into: Russian Sign Language, Spoken Russian, Spoken English, and International Signs.

**Conference opening:** 16 December 2021, at 10.00 a. m.

**Registration of participants:** 9.00 a. m.

**Forms of participation and preliminary time schedule include:**

- guest lecture: up to 45 minutes (including discussion)
- plenary presentation and TED-talk: up to 25 minutes (including discussion)
- master class: 60 minutes
- poster presentation: up to 7 minutes.

**Submissions:**

The deadline for submissions to the Organizing committee at [signconf\\_mslu2021@linguanet.ru](mailto:signconf_mslu2021@linguanet.ru) is **15 November 2021**. The submissions include:

- 1) Application for Conference participation;
- 2) Conference presentation materials (abstract up to 200 words or a .mov или .flv video file up to 5 minutes in length).

The theme of the submission e-mail shall include the following wording: conference-sign languages-2021-Johnes (surname of applicant).

The application and the abstract (or video materials) shall be submitted in TWO different files attached to ONE letter (Johnes\_Abtract and Johnes\_Application).

No later than three weeks upon submission of the application and/ or the conference paper materials the Organizing committee sends the notification of acceptance to the participant.

**Contact address of the Organizing committee:** [signconf\\_mslu2021@linguanet.ru](mailto:signconf_mslu2021@linguanet.ru)

**Contact person:** Vera L. Sokolova, PhD, Assistant Professor of the Department of Stylistics, MSLU

**Conference proceedings criteria for submission**

The conference papers are subject to the publication in the Conference Proceedings registered with the Russian Science Citation Index (RSCI) database following a mandatory peer-review by the Editorial Board. The conference paper must be an original piece of research with the originality of no less than 75%.

The name of the file with the conference paper for publication must contain the name of the participant (johnes\_article). The conference paper (including the References section, the Abstract and the Key words) should not exceed 4 pages in length and should be typed in Microsoft Word (version 6.0 or later), in Times New Roman (14), and be single spaced. The citations should be provided in square brackets [Johnes 2020: 15] (where 2020 is the year and 15 is the page number), and the References should include no less than four sources quoted or referred to in the conference paper.

The speakers are requested not to digress from the conference themes and conference papers submission rules.

The costs of the conference participation shall be covered by the participants, their employers, or sponsors.

**Application form:**

Full name of applicant	
Place of employment	

Job Title	
Academic Degree	
Academic Title	
Name of a lecture, presentation, or master class	
Abstract up to 200 words or a .mov или .flv video file up to 5 minutes in length	
Key words	
Conference Section	To be filled out by the Organizing committee
E-mail	To be filled out by the Organizing committee
Contact phone number	To be filled out by the Organizing committee
Form of participation / Payment	To be filled out by the Organizing committee
Power Point Presentation	To be filled out by the Organizing committee

We are looking forward to welcoming you at Moscow State Linguistic University!

Truly yours,

Organizing Committee

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