



Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute
update of activities
ECML PNF meeting
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Institut des langues officielles et du bilinguisme
Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND BILINGUALISM INSTITUTE: Our mission

Promote excellence and innovation in the fields of bilingualism and language acquisition.

- Create a dynamic and inspiring learning environment that provides a bridge to professional, academic, cultural, and personal growth
- Be a leading national and international hub for Canadian expertise, research, and public policy on bilingualism, social cohesion, and citizenship as they relate to language policy
- Act as a catalyst for the development, promotion, and dissemination of innovative language teaching and evaluation methods as well as cutting-edge research

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OLBI Values

- The OLBI community of students, faculty, administrators, and alumni aspires to create an inclusive, collaborative, and supportive environment that fosters our five core values:
 - Excellence in teaching, scholarship, research, and service
 - Respect for and celebration of linguistic and cultural diversity
 - Commitment to developing strong partnerships
 - Passion for lifelong learning, creativity, and innovation
 - Dedication to the growth and success of every community member



Experts from Canada who have contributed to ECML projects

- Valia Spiliotopoulos
- Stephanie Arnott
- Geneviève Brisson
- Marie-Paule Lory
- Danièle Moore
- Enrica Piccardo
- Aline Germain Rutherford
- Marie-Josée Hamel
- Catherine Caws



CCERBAL Research Centre: 5 Research Groups



CCERBAL

Centre canadien d'études et de recherche en
bilinguisme et aménagement linguistique

Canadian Centre for Studies and Research on
Bilingualism and Language Planning

Post Secondary Immersion
Research Group (PSIRG)

Language Assessment Research
Group (LARG)

Interdisciplinary Research Group in
Languages and Technology (IRGILT)

The Language Management
Interdisciplinary Research Group
(LMIRG)

Linguistic Risk-Taking Initiative
(LingRisk)



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New research chairs in 2024

Mobility Research Chair - Dr. Rahat Zaidi

- The Mobility Research Chair at OLBI seeks to attract visiting scholars who can spend a predetermined length of time in Ottawa contributing to OLBI's mission to make theoretical and methodological advances in the field of bilingualism studies

Language Policy Research Chair – Dr. Nikolay Slavkov

- Public policy on official bilingualism at the federal, provincial, local, or educational level,
- Social cohesion, citizenship, and Canada's legal and political framework as related to Canada's languages,
- Issues of inclusion, equity, and diversity, as related to official, Indigenous, heritage, and minority languages,
- Family language policy (e.g. family practices and strategies fostering or maintaining children's rich plurilingual repertoires).

New research chairs in 2024

Technology-
mediated
Language
Learning
Dr. Jérémie
Séror

- New Technologies
- Mobile-Assisted Language Learning (MALL)
- Artificial Intelligence

CCERBAL MAY 8-10, 2025

BILINGUALISM AND MULTILINGUALISM: DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES FROM DIVERSE CONTEXTS

The focus of the CCERBAL 2025 Conference will be on conceptual, empirical, and practice-based contributions on language and technology, Indigenous language education, language and immigration and/or internationalization, language learning across the life span, language policy, and beyond.



Conference Highlights in Numbers:

- 3 Keynotes
- 70-80 Individual presentations
- 10-15 Poster presentations
- Networking sessions



Carrefour francophone: pratiques et savoirs

12-13 mai, 2025

l'Institut des langues officielles et du bilinguisme en partenariat avec la fédération internationale des professeurs de français (FIPF) accueillera le carrefour francophone à Ottawa. Une variété d'ateliers pratiques sur les thématiques suivantes :

- *Intelligence artificielle et autres innovations*
- *Plurilinguisme – Casser les mythes*
- *Accessibilité numérique en contexte minoritaire*
- *Immersion française et milieux d'apprentissage*
- *Insécurité linguistique*
- *Ateliers de co-création pour professeurs de français*

OLBI Research Forums

The OLBI Research Forums are an invited speaker series organized by the CCERBAL Research Centre. In 2024, we had the following three forums:

1. Pre-service Language Teachers as Creative Multilinguals: Arts-based Approaches for Professional Development, Dr. Silvia Melo-Pfeifer,
University of Hamburg

2. Not just another curriculum initiative! Justifications and challenges for embedding academic literacies into university programmes?

Dr. Neil Murray, Professor of Applied Linguistics, University of Warwick

3. Bilingualism and Autism: Bridging the Gap between Research and Beliefs, Dr. Tamara Sorenson Duncan, Assistant Professor, Carleton University



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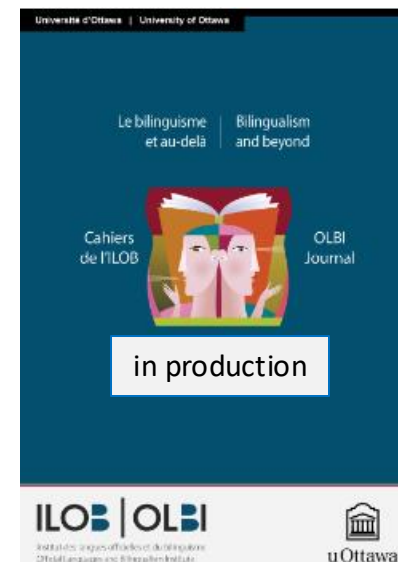
Vol. 12 (2022): Bilingualism and beyond



Vol. 13 (2023): From Linguistic Insecurity to Security



Vol. 14 (2024): Mobility, Transversal Skills and Well-Being



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