

7th International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics Conference Program

DAY ONE

Thursday, 28 August 2025

08:30 – 09:00 Registration
09:00 – 09:15 Welcome & Opening Remarks

09:15 – 10:15 **Keynote: Prof. Dr. Katharina Brizić**
University of Freiburg
*Kurdish for All: Some Recent Developments in the Area of
Education, Multilingualism and Voice*

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:45 **Argument Structure and Agreement**
Chair: Sara Belelli

*Differential case marking on non-core arguments in Hewramî:
A multivariate analysis*

Masoud Mohammadirad, University of Cambridge

*The role of zero in morphological analogy in Kurdish, Goranî
and Zazakî*

Shuan Osman Karim, University of Würzburg

Negative concord items in Kurdish

Songül Gündoğdu, Muş Alparslan University
Ayşe Büşra Yakut Kubaş, University of Ankara

*Verbal agreement with possessed objects in Hawramî's
unmarked ergative constructions: A minimalist approach*

Zaniar Naghshbandi, University of Kurdistan, Sanandaj

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:45

Kurdish Dialectology

Chair: Ergin Öpengin

Laki and Gorani revisited

Sara Belelli, University of Tuscia, Viterbo

The Eastern Zazakî dialects: A preliminary survey

Mahîr Dogan, University of Bamberg

Ugur Sermîyan, University of Bamberg

The Berferatî dialect of Kurmancî Kurdish: A phonological and lexical analysis

Murat Baran, University of Göttingen

The relatedness of Kurdish varieties: A parametric analysis of determiner phrases from Kirdki to Lori

Abdolrahman Sadeghi, University of Tehran

Gholamhosein Karimi Dosstan, University of Tehran

15:45 – 16:30

Coffee Break & Poster Session

16:30 – 18:00

Kurdish Linguistic Heritage

Chair: Songül Gündoğdu

David N. MacKenzie's unpublished work on Mulla Sa'id Shamdinani's texts

Ergin Öpengin, University of Cambridge

Legally permissible but practically prohibited: Turkey's dual policy on the Kurdish language

Savaş Dede, Istanbul Bilgi University

From phonemes to clusters: Phonological loan adaptation strategies in Central Kurdish

Azad Mohammadi, University of Tehran

Twana Saadi Hamid, University of Sulaimani

19:00

Conference Dinner



DAY TWO

Friday, 29 August 2025

09:15 – 10:15

Keynote: Prof. em. Dr. Geoffrey Haig

University of Bamberg

Differential Object Marking (DOM) in Kurdish?

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:45

Morphosyntactic Patterns

Chair: Masoud Mohammadirad

Dialectal variation in Hawrami ezafe

Mojgan Osmani, University of Toronto Mississauga

Arsalan Kahnemuyipour, University of Toronto Mississauga

The effect of definiteness, animacy, and length on word order from a cross-verb perspective

Milad Shariatmadari, Sorbonne Nouvelle University, Paris

Gao Xinyi, EHESS, Paris

Pollet Samvelian, Sorbonne Nouvelle University, Paris

The Suffix a:wi: in Central Kurdish: Make-up, semantic contribution, and productivity

Mehran Mansouri, Sorbonne Nouvelle University, Paris

A corpus-based study on the motivations of relative clause extraposition in Sorani

Xueqing Zhang, Beijing Foreign Studies University

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Lunch

13:45 – 15:15

Corpus Linguistics and Textual Variation

Chair: Shuan Karim

Dialectal Filtering: Synthesize text corpora for Kurdish varieties by enriching datasets with multi-labels

Christian Schuler, Saarland University

Raman Ahmad, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences

Ānrán Wáng, Saarland University

Written versus spoken academic Kurmanji Kurdish: Nominal versus verbal style

Annette Herkenrath, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań

Scribal influence and linguistic variation in Shānāma-style Gorani texts

Parvin Mahmoudveysi, University of Hamburg

15:15 – 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 – 16:30

Workshop

A documentary protocol for Kurdish Linguistics

Shuan Osman Karim, University of Würzburg

Masoud Mohammadirad, University of Cambridge

16:30 – 17:00

Roundtable Discussion

Kurdish Linguistics - Quo Vadis?

Chair: Mahîr Dogan



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