



**British Association for Applied Linguistics**

**Language in Africa Special Interest Group  
LiA SIG**

**Annual Conference: Friday May 11th 2018, 10am – 5.30pm**

Venue: Dept. of English Language & Applied Linguistics,  
School of African & Oriental Studies, University of London

***'African Languages in Public Spaces: Opportunities & Challenges'***

**Plenary speaker: Professor Leketi Makalela**

*'Re-imagining multilingualism as a cultural competence in Africa: leaking boundaries, ubuntu and multilingualism in public spaces'*

Professor Makalela is Head of the Division of Languages, Literacies and Literatures at Wits School of Education, University of the Witwatersrand.

**ABSTRACTS** of up to **250 words** for 20 minute presentations are now invited, to be sent to Goodith White, Convenor, at: [anne.goodithwhite@ucd.ie](mailto:anne.goodithwhite@ucd.ie) and cc [c.reilly@research.gla.ac.uk](mailto:c.reilly@research.gla.ac.uk) **no later than February 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 (please note change of deadline)**. We also invite proposals for posters. There is a £50 prize for the best.

Topics of interest around the theme could include, but are not limited to:

- African languages in politics and government
- African languages in health and other campaigns
- The use of African languages in song, poetry and literature
- African languages as drivers of development
- African languages in digital spaces
- Multilingualism
- Language choice
- African languages in education

**REGISTRATION:** Please register by **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018** so that we can make a final order for catering for the day. This is included in the attendance fee of £25 for BAAL members, £35



for non-members, and £20 for students. We particularly welcome postgraduate students.  
**Registration forms are available from the LIASIG website: <http://liasig.wordpress.com>**  
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