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The conference *Pluricentric languages: language variation and socio-cognitive dimensions* aims to explore the sociocultural, conceptual and structural dimensions of variation and change within pluricentric languages, with specific emphasis on the relationship between national varieties. It brings together the Cognitive Linguistics paradigm, Sociolinguistics tradition and other usage-based, cognitively and socially oriented approaches to language variation and change.

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#### Call for papers

Within this socio-cognitive and interdisciplinary context of research into linguistic pluricentricity and other expressions of language-internal variation, papers are invited on the following themes and topics:

1. Language-internal and cross-national variation, culture and cognition
2. Structural patterns of national variation and corpus-based approaches
3. Cognitive cultural models of national language variation

Conference languages are English (preferably), Portuguese, Spanish and French. The abstract, edited in Word or RTF (or PDF, in case it contains special symbols), should be sent to the following address: [plurilang2010 at gmail com](mailto:plurilang2010@gmail.com)

Abstracts should not exceed 500 words (exclusive of references) and should state research questions, approach, method, data and (expected) results, with no mention of the author's name, institution or address in the abstract; subject header of email should include: Abstract Plurilang2010 – name/s, with the following information in the email main body: (1) name of author/s, (2) affiliation, (3) paper title, (4) email address, (5) postal address. Notification of acceptance/rejection will be given by June 15, 2010.