**Approaches to Endangered Languages in Japan and Northeast Asia: Description, Documentation and Revitalization.**

Many under-described languages in the world are in danger of extinction. UNESCO reports in 2009 that there are eight such languages in Japan; Ainu, Hachijo, Amami, Kunigami, Okinawa, Miyako, Yaeyama, and Yonaguni. Importantly, many Japanese traditional dialects are also in danger of extinction.

The National Institution for Japanese Language and Linguistics and the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies are hosting an international symposium on the description, documentation and revitalization of the endangered languages/dialects in Japan and Northeast Asia. We hope that researchers working on endangered languages both in Japan and elsewhere can enjoy this symposium.

Sessions:
  - Ryukyuan languages and Hachijo language
  - Japanese dialects
  - Ainu
  - Languages of the Northeast Asia
  - Documentation and Revitalization
  - Hawai'i Nikkei collection

Keynote speakers:
  - John Whitman (Cornell University)
  - Juha Janhunen (University of Helsinki)
  - Ekaterina Gruzdeva (University of Helsinki)
  - William O'Grady (The University of Hawai'i at Manoa)
  - Mark Turin (The University of British Columbia)
  - Yumiko Ohara (The University of Hawai'i at Hilo)

Call for papers (poster presentation session):
We invite graduate students and postdoctoral fellows working on documentation, description and/or revitalization of endangered languages to submit for a poster presentation session. Anyone involved in the field of endangered languages, not limited to those in Japan and Northeast Asia, can apply.

Abstracts in English should be no more than one A4 page in length, including references and examples. They should be anonymous, and set in a minimum of 12pt font. They should be in .docx

or .pdf format and the filename should start with AEL, followed by an underscore and then the first author's surname, e.g. AEL_tanaka.pdf. Abstracts should be sent to ael@ninjal.ac.jp.

We will subsidize the expense of presenters' accommodation fee for one night (11,200 JPY per person).

Proceedings of the symposium and poster session is planned to be published in March 2020. If you would like to submit a paper, please express your intention to do so when you mail your abstract. Full paper submission deadline is March 2019.

Key dates:
  - Poster session: Sunday 5 August 2018
  - Symposium: Monday 6 August - Wednesday 8 August 2018
  - Abstract submission deadline: ~~Sunday 25 February 2018~~
    We extended the deadline to **Saturday 10 March 2018**.
  - Notification of acceptance: Friday 6 April 2018