

## ***New Speakers in a Multilingual Europe: Policies and Practices***

### **Final Whole Action Conference**

**University of Coimbra | 14-16 September 2017**

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Whole Action Conference of the New Speakers Network will take place in Portugal between **14** and **16<sup>th</sup> September 2017**, in collaboration with the Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra ([http://www.ces.uc.pt/index.php?id\\_lingua=2](http://www.ces.uc.pt/index.php?id_lingua=2)) and CIDLES – Interdisciplinary Centre for Social and Language Documentation in Minde, Portugal (<http://www.cidles.eu>).

#### **Featured activities (in progress)**

- Keynote Conferences
- Round Tables
- Working Group Panels
- Visit to Minde (CIDLES)
- Conference Dinner
- Cultural events

#### **The venue and the city** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSIf-ngo0tA> .



**International Airports** nearer to Coimbra are located in **Lisboa** (190 km away) and in **Porto** (120 km away). **Intercity trains and express buses** to Coimbra run every hour; the journey

take about 2 hours from Lisbon and 1h30m from Porto. Check CP website for trains. For further details, check [http://www.uc.pt/en/ects/info\\_caracter\\_geral/acaminho/](http://www.uc.pt/en/ects/info_caracter_geral/acaminho/)

**Accommodation:** Several hotels are within short walking distance from the main venue and offer free WLAN at prices within the per night limit for this conference. A list will be made available to COST members.

**Registration** is required for presenters and non-presenting audience. Deadlines to be announced. Final programme outline, website (under construction) and registration forthcoming in due time.

**Welcome to Coimbra in 2017!**



## The hosts

### CIDLeS – Interdisciplinary Centre for Social and Language Documentation



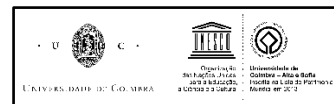
[www.cidles.eu](http://www.cidles.eu)

Headed since its foundation (January 2016) by Vera Ferreira, the **Interdisciplinary Centre for Social and Language Documentation (CIDLeS)** is an independent non-profit research centre which aims at improving and deepening research in two linguistic areas: language documentation and language typology. Besides the documentation, study, and dissemination of European endangered and minority languages, CIDLeS is also engaged in the development of language technologies for scientific and didactic work on lesser-used languages. CIDLeS has three distinct research groups (CIDLeS Media Lab, Language Documentation and Typology and Language Revitalization) whose projects are interrelated with the aim of fostering interdisciplinary research. Apart from the organisation of conferences and workshops on endangered languages and linguistic research, CIDLeS gives training in language documentation, data processing and management, archiving, coding, and language revitalization.

### Universidade de Coimbra |

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaAIWB7WBwI>

<http://worldheritage.uc.pt/>



Founded in 1290 and classified as a world heritage site by UNESCO in 2013, the University of Coimbra was the first – and, until the early 20th century, the sole – Portuguese language-university, crucial in the consolidation and standardization of the national and imperial language since medieval and colonial times. The region of Coimbra and its university have been responsible for the education and training of many generations of politicians, writers and other intellectually prominent figures of the Portuguese-speaking countries worldwide. This history left lasting traces in the university, library, archive and museum collections, and mostly in its immaterial heritage and symbolic imagination. It hosts one of the largest international student communities in Portugal.

### *The CES and the Humanities: Migration and Peace Studies Research Group (NHUMEP)*

[http://www.ces.uc.pt/nucleos/nhumep/index.php?id\\_lingua=2](http://www.ces.uc.pt/nucleos/nhumep/index.php?id_lingua=2)

Headed since its foundation (1978) by [Professor Boaventura de Sousa Santos](#), transdisciplinary CES research community brings together about 800 graduate



students and researchers from a wide range of fields (from sociology to biology), working across local, national, regional, international and global scales of social analysis. At the core of CES strategy is the goal of democratizing knowledge and contributing to making science a public good. **CES' Humanities, Migration and Peace Studies Research Group (NHUMEP)** includes researchers from anthropology, gender studies, history, international relations, law, linguistics, literary and cultural studies, peace studies, postcolonial studies, sociology with solid experience in promoting critical dialogue across the humanities and the social sciences. **Language and sociolinguistic research** is doubly challenged: fully grounded in language-based analyses, mostly from a linguistic ethnography perspective in the crossroads with migration studies, we explore ways in which our work contributes to the common transdisciplinary dialogue, and hence to the development of social and critical approaches to the study of language, literacy and discourse in contemporary multilingual societies where Portuguese is playing or has played a role. This includes pushing the research agenda towards the recognition of multilingual ecologies in Portuguese society and innovative ways of thinking speakers and writers, speaking spaces and speakers' subjectivities.

