

**The Eighth
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE LANGUAGES OF JAVA**

Call for Papers
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Virtual

The island of Java is home to several major world languages. Javanese—spoken mainly in Central and East Java— is the world’s 10th or 11th largest language in number of native speakers. It has one of the oldest and fullest recorded histories of any Austronesian language. It also has been of considerable interest to scholars because of its unique speech level system. Sundanese—spoken in West Java— has over 27 million speakers, and Madurese—spoken on the neighboring island of Madura and throughout parts of East Java—is the third largest local language, with up to 13 million speakers.

Geography, history, and typology bind these languages with linguistically related languages on the neighboring islands of Bali and Lombok. Each of these languages displays a range of dialects, isolects, continua, and contact varieties and yet they have received relatively little attention from linguists. With this symposium, we offer an opportunity for scholars working on any aspect of Javanese, Sundanese, Madurese, Balinese, Sasak, or any non-Malay language spoken on these islands, to come together and share their findings. We aim to encourage and promote continued research on these important and unique languages.

Keynote speakers

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Abstracts are invited for papers to be presented on any linguistic topics dealing with the languages of Java and its environs—Javanese, Sundanese, Madurese, Balinese, and Sasak. Papers on other languages will be judged according to their relevance to the symposium topic. Papers are welcome from any subfield of linguistics and using any approach or theoretical background. Studies of non-standard(ized) versions, dialects, and isolects, including contact varieties, are particularly welcome. All papers are to be presented in English.

Instructions. Anonymous abstracts of one-page [data and references may be on a second page] should be submitted in electronic form (PDF and MSWord) to <isloj.linguistics AT gmail.com>. Please indicate your name, affiliation, and title of abstract in the body of the email or a cover page.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 12 Noon ET (GMT + 5) February 15, 2021
Announcement of acceptance: March 1, 2021.

ISLOJ 8 will be held jointly with ISMIL 24 and will be an online event. The schedule will be determined once abstracts have been accepted, with an attempt to accommodate the

largest number of participants from the widest range of time zones. We will work with presenters

Co-organizers:

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