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## **Symposium: Between Past and Future – Slavonic Gender Linguistics at a Crossroads**

**21-23 October 2016, WU Vienna**

The symposium marks the start of a series of conferences which will deal intensively with gender and queer linguistic questions in Slavonic languages. Each conference will focus on a specific topic related to the latest issues, significant questions, and unexplored research fields.

This year's symposium will lay the groundwork for further research and explore in which ways Slavonic gender and, in particular, queer linguistics have evolved up to now, how gender and queer linguistic issues have been addressed up to now, and which new paths Slavonic gender and queer linguistics should follow from now on. Consequently, the objective of this initial meeting is to pool the main research attempts and results in the field of gender and queer linguistics. This will give an approximately complete overview of the state of gender and queer linguistic research. Thus, the symposium aims not so much at presenting new research findings; rather, it is about bringing together research attempts and research results which have been made up to this date. As one knows, gender and even queer linguistic questions had already been addressed long before the institutionalisation of gender (and queer) linguistics. Back then, gender and queer related issues were discussed for different reasons and against a different background. Nevertheless, they belong to the research area which is nowadays called gender and queer linguistics. The explicit diachronic perspective will make clear which status quo gender and queer linguistic research has reached and which objectives should be in the focus of research in the future.

Moreover, the symposium is meant to be the constitutive meeting of the international research group on *Slavonic Gender and Queer Linguistics*. Besides several speeches, the symposium offers space for discussions about further research measures, cooperation, and publications. This includes, amongst other things, the launch of a new book series the planning of which has already begun.

**No conference fee**

**Languages for presentations:** every Slavonic language or English

**Deadline for full papers** – a maximum of 70,000 signs (including blanks): **1 March 2017**

**Attention!** Your paper is part of a handbook and has to be written accordingly. Please do not use any tables, charts, images, or maps (use them only if they are really necessary). Detailed information as to the handbook will follow.

**Full papers should be submitted** primarily in **English** or in every Slavonic language