

**UNESCO CHAIR
LANGUAGE POLICIES FOR MULTILINGUALISM
(Proposal submitted to UNESCO for approval)**

**Head Office FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CATARINA, Brazil
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST OF PARTICIPATING AS PARTNER INSTITUTION

I – INSTITUTION'S IDENTIFICATION

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Brief institutional history:

The Graduate Program in Language Studies of UFF (Universidade Federal Fluminense – Fluminense Federal University) was authorized by CAPES (Agency for the Further Education of Higher Education Personnel) in 2009 and became operational in 2010. It originated from the former Graduate Language and Literature Program, created in 1970, that was split into two different graduate programs: Language Studies and Literary Studies.

After having existed for about 40 years, awarding masters and doctoral degrees in the areas of Language Studies and Literary Studies, UFF's Graduate Language and Literature Program had about 300 students and 60 professors. The proposed division met academic and administrative requirements, which allowed the two new programs to organize themselves in a more organic, specific and consistent manner.

Over the three following years, the new programs' Administrative Board worked on revising their curricula, lines of research and courses in order to adjust their academic profile to the qualification and experience of their faculty members and to cater for the research and training demands of our country's tertiary education system.

In 2007, the proposed division was approved by the Administrative Boards of the three centers where UFF's Graduate Language and Literature Program was active: the Centre for General Studies, the Institute of Letters and the Program itself. Based on their favorable decisions, the internal committees responsible for the two new programs drafted their Bylaws, the Proposal to be submitted for approval, and the Curricula for the Language Studies and Literary Studies Programs. In 2008, the proposal was approved by UFF's two highest levels of authority — the Board of Education and Research and the University Council. Early in 2009, the formal Proposal for the approval of the new Programs were

submitted to CAPES. The new Programs, both with a CAPES evaluation grade of 5, were approved late in October 2009, and began operating fully in 2010. This epitomizes the consolidation of two major areas — Language and Literature, in terms of its faculty members and students, lines of research and research projects, academic and technical production, in sum, the growth and maturity of a Program that would have reached 40 years of existence in 2010 with nationwide recognition, and that now continues divided into two new programs.

The Masters Degree of UFF's Graduate Program in Language Studies aims at training individuals to do research and to teach in the field of Language Studies, in the area of Linguistics, and who are able to perform competently primarily in the Southeast Region of Brazil and to serve other regions of the nation as well as to continue their academic education at graduate level.

At the doctoral level, the Graduate Program in Language Studies aims at training individuals who can become autonomous, outstanding scientific researchers who can excel in higher education teaching, who are committed to fostering the ability to seek different sources of information and reflection and to promoting intellectual productivity beyond the classroom boundaries and beyond the core courses in the Curriculum, in a permanent expansion of scientific knowledge in the field of Language Studies, in the area of Linguistics.

Coordinator of the Chair: Xoán Carlos Lagares Diez

Departments and Post-Graduate Programs that will be involved: Graduate Program in Language Studies and Departamento de Letras Estrangeiras Modernas

II - GENERAL LINE OF ACTION

The participation in the Language Policies Chair for Multilingualism may enable, through the collaborative work of different institutions in the world, the production and development of joint projects about themes which are objects of analysis of researchers from the Language Studies Program at UFF. The line of research in "History, Politics and Language Contact" develops studies focused on multilingualism in a concrete way, researching issues related to the social and political construct of languages, and related to the relation between language and State, to political and cultural situations, to the management of language diversity and to the processes of standardization, as well as the cultural and language identity, to the ethics and language rights and to language education.

The projects being developed in this line of research approach the language policies for multilingualism in different perspectives, reflecting upon issues related to identity and cultural aspects of emigration languages in Brazil, like German, Pomeranian, Italian and Galician; upon the language policies assessment regarding multilingualism management and language teaching; upon new literacies and the construct of new social identities in English; upon language policies for the Brazilian Sign Language (LIBRAS) of the deaf community, as well as historic and political aspects associated to the creation of linguistic spaces in Spanish and Portuguese, through normative dynamics.

It is expected that the participation in the Chair will allow for the development of new international partnerships, enabling the dialogue about common interest projects,

promoting the development of shared knowledge on aspects regarding language policies for multilingualism.


III - WORK AXES


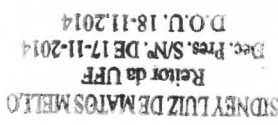
- (1) Multilingualism and internationalization
- (2) Multilingualism and intercultural mediation
- (3) Multilingualism and language education
- (4) Multilingualism, translation and accessibility
- (5) Multilingualism, sustainability and development
- (6) Multilingualism and information and communication technologies

The projects already in development in the line of research "History, Politics and Language Contact" of the Language Studies Program correspond to the six lines of work set out above.

IV - FINANCING PROSPECTS

The Chair would have resources from the Graduate Program in Language Studies, regarding administration as well as infrastructure, in order to carry out the activities. That includes the office's structure to divulge activities, course and seminar applications or website creation. The place of work will be shared with the Galician Studies Center (room 216-C) which acts in the University with resources from Xunta de Galicia. With this structure linked to the Graduate Program it is possible to achieve new resources from funding agencies, both from the state of Estado do Rio de Janeiro (FAPERJ) and the federal government (CAPES e CNPq).

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