

The Language Center at Doha Institute for Graduate Studies

Organizes an international conference on:

**Arabic as a Heritage Language: Issues and Approaches**

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Heritage languages generally refer to languages that are passed down from generation to generation, often within families or communities, and are not or taught systematically.

Heritage language learning and teaching have emerged as a dynamic field of research and practice in the context of increasing linguistic diversity and globalization, giving way to various facets such as resource center, publications, conferences, professional developments and workshops.

It is evident that the number of heritage Arabic learners has increased due to the rise of migration to foreign countries, and the tendency to enroll Arab children in international schools rather than local ones, particularly in the Arab Gulf countries. However, there is still a lack of substantial research in the field of teaching Arabic as a heritage language, as well as a shortage of proper training, curricula, and resources for both Arabic teachers and learners.

The Conference on Arabic as a Heritage Language provides a forum for researchers and practitioners to share their insights, experiences, and innovations in this field. It offers an opportunity to explore current issues and trends in heritage language education, to discuss effective pedagogical approaches and strategies, and to address the complex sociolinguistic and cultural dimensions of heritage language learning and teaching. We welcome papers on a wide range of topics related to heritage language education, including but not limited to:

Heritage language acquisition and development

Bilingualism and biliteracy

Language maintenance and shift

Pedagogical approaches and strategies

Heritage language curriculum development

Assessment and evaluation of heritage language proficiency

Sociolinguistic and cultural aspects of heritage language education

Heritage language policy and planning

We invite all those interested to submit an abstract of up to 300 words on their intended contribution and a short biography.

Guidelines for participation:

1. The research must be original and not previously published.
2. The full paper should be submitted before the conference.

3. All submitted materials are subject to peer review.
4. Paper length up to 9,000 words.
5. Abstracts and papers are accepted in Arabic and English.