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<u>Workshop Title :</u>	English in Multilingual South Africa: The linguistics of contact and change
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The present workshop is intended to offer in-depth examinations of the many facets of the English language in the complex linguistic landscape of present-day South Africa. The workshop will consist of papers by invited key scholars working on varieties of English in South Africa. The workshop will be designed to cover the development and nature of English in the recent history of the country, providing an initial framework for the workshop. The sociolinguistic factors determining the degrees of current variation are to be investigated in detail as are the challenges posed for South Africans by multilingualism and globalisation in both education and social interaction in a further group of papers. In addition, the interfaces of different linguistic groups with the English language are to be scrutinised, highlighting processes of contact, bilingualism, code-switching and language shift. This kaleidoscopic view of interactions with English is aimed both at scholars working in the area of English in South Africa and across the anglophone world but also at scholars interested in language and society in the multi-layered situation of South Africa, both historically and at present. By addressing general issues surrounding the vibrant research area of contact-induced language change the workshop will reaches out to different types of scholars attending the conference.

