

FIRST CALL
10th Nakem International Conference
City of Batac, Ilocos Norte, Philippines
21-23 May 2015

**REVALUATIONS: DIVERSITY, CRITICAL EDUCATION,
AND CULTURAL NATIONALISM**
**(A Decade of Work on Linguistic Justice, Cultural Democracy
& Emancipatory Education)**

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• **Nakem Conferences International**

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RATIONALE

The 10th Nakem International Conference, “Revaluations: Diversity, Critical Education, and Cultural Nationalism”, revisits a decade of work on linguistic justice, cultural democracy, and emancipatory education of a consortium of cultural workers and educators, education institutions, government agencies, and non-government organizations that are part of the Nakem Conferences Philippines and the Nakem Conferences International. The conference explores the tripod of the Nakem struggle—linguistic justice, cultural democracy, and emancipatory education—in the context of the need to understand more and more the virtue of diversity in Philippine life, and in other nation states marked by plurality of culture and multilingualism.

The conference specifically aims to:

- Revalue diversity as a political principle in community empowerment in capacity building.
- Reevaluate pluralism in the context of civics and citizenship in plural societies.
- Reevaluate the role of Nakem in the struggle for linguistic justice in the Philippines and in the United States.
- Reevaluate the role of the Other, (because ‘othered,’) languages in polynational states.
- Critique the prevailing view on the role of ‘national language’ and ‘national culture’ in a multinational country.
- Give an accounting of all peripheralized languages of the world as a result of official policies on education, culture, and language.
- Give an accounting of the initiatives of individuals, schools, organizations, groups, government agencies, and non-government institutions in the pursuit of emancipatory education grounded on diversity and language rights.
- Give an accounting of programs, projects, curricular innovations, and educational alternatives in the pursuit of cultural nationalism among various communities and educational institutions.
- Give an accounting of the role of ‘centers’ in the area studies of the Amianan and/or other regions.
- Formulate a plausible and rational alternative to the center by recognizing the contribution and the ‘centrality’ of the margin in the lives and experiences of Other, because ‘othered,’ communities.

Paper Proposal Requirements

Paper proposals submitted for consideration by the Abstract Selection Committee must zero in on the theme or the specific goals of the conferences.

Apart from the theme, some topics for consideration are:

- a critical history of the policy of 'othering' in a polynational state
- the epistemic and ontological consequences of a policy of 'nationalizing' language, culture, and education
- the center in the margin: the case of self-sufficient communities outside the center of power
- critical education for democracy and the role of languages in and from the margins
- accounting all peripheralized languages after colonization
- the state policy of peripheralization and its implications in education, identity, and nation-building
- the mother tongue and emancipatory education
- first language and the educational turn in postcolonial societies
- linguistic, educational, and cultural alternatives to the hegemonic center

Only abstracts of between 250 and 300 words are accepted for presentation at the 10th Nakem International Conference.

Each abstract must zero in on the theme, or one or more of the topics listed in this *Call for Paper*.

All abstracts must be sent to nakemconferences@yahoo.com, on or before February 28, 2015.

Notice of acceptance of abstracts will be emailed to conference paper proponents on or before March 15, 2015.

Notices will be emailed. Only e-versions of Notices of Acceptance will be sent. No other versions will be used; hence, all proponents are advised to have their own personal, or professional, email addresses.

FORMAT OF PROPOSAL

The proposal, of between 250 and 300 words, must follow this format:

Name of Proposer:

Other co-authors (if applicable):

Institutional affiliation: (complete address included)

Contact Information: Email:
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Abstract: (Title, of no more than 10 words)

Abstract: (Content, including word count)

For example:

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Please take note that all abstract submissions must follow the format above. Proponents will be asked to choose only one presentation in case of multiple submissions.

Panel and Demo Proposal Requirements

For panel or demo proposals, each panel or demo shall consist of no less than three members, all of them working on the same theme, issue or topic but each speaker must present an individual paper. Two abstracts are needed: the panel abstract and the abstract for each paper, with the same specific requirements as those in individual presentations.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is February 28, 2015. Full papers, sent to conveners, are expected on or before April 28, 2015.

WHEN SENDING ABSTRACTS

When sending abstracts, please put this information in the subject heading of your email:

Nakem2015-[your last name]-abstract, to wit:

Nakem2015-Pagilian-abstract

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration deadline is March 15, 2015. The registration form should be submitted and the corresponding registration fee paid. The details of payment are found below.

Registration fee includes hotel accommodation, conference kit and meals during the actual date—and only during the actual date. Registration fee is Php 3,900 per participant.

The registration fee, along with the filled out registration form, may also be handed to any of the members of the 2015 Nakem International Conference Steering Committee composed of the Nakem Conferences Philippines Board of Directors listed below.

- Only the actual dates of the conference—covering two nights and three days—are being included in the registration fee.

- The 2015 Nakem Conference Secretariat and conveners are not in a position to do the booking for these participants except for the actual dates of the conference.

- All participants will be accommodated at the Plaza del Norte, Laoag City unless they opt to get accommodations elsewhere.

- For logistical reasons, all participants are required to submit, by mail or by email, the confirmation of their participation by filling out the downloadable registration form.

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Conference Websites & Other Sources of Updates

Other dedicated social networking websites post updates about this conference:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Nakem-Conferences> and the UH Manoa Ilokano Program website.

Websites of institutional co-sponsors also post updates on the activities of the conference.