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The Santa Rita Room and the Rincon Room
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Dear Participants,

We are very happy to welcome you to the 34th Annual Symposium on Arabic Linguistics (ASAL34) at the University of Arizona. This is the second time the conference is held in Tucson, and we hope it continues to open the door to future Arabic Linguistics events. We are grateful to our sponsors for enabling us to bring ASAL34 to the University of Arizona, and to our respective department chairs, administrative staff and students for helping us to make it happen.

We are fortunate to have four plenary keynote speakers this year: Dr. Mohamed Embarki, Professor of Language Sciences at the University of Franche-Comté, Besançon, France; Dr. Rania Habib, Associate Professor of Linguistics and Arabic at Syracuse University; Dr. Samira Farwaneh, Associate Professor of Arabic Linguistics at the University of Arizona; and Dr. Ahmad Alqassas, Assistant Professor of Arabic at Georgetown University.

We wish to extend special thanks to our abstract reviewers for helping us navigate the large number of abstracts we had received and select submissions of the highest quality. In keeping with ASAL tradition, there are no parallel sessions. ASAL34 has eleven single sessions featuring 30 paper presentations and seven poster presentations. Please note that the prize for best student abstracts will be recognized at the Arabic Linguistics Society’s Business Lunch Meeting on Saturday, February 29, 2020.

ASAL34 Banquet Dinner/Reception will be held in one of the most iconic rooms at the University of Arizona: The Arizona Room. Occupying the former Redington Restaurant space (3rd fl., SUMC), Arizona Room combines an elegant, relaxed setting with some of the best views on campus. You will enjoy the new buffet-style dining menu with an added emphasis on table service. We hope that you will be able to join us. The ASAL34 Banquet Dinner/Reception is free.

For important information about the conference, please visit the website: https://arabiclinguistics.sbs.arizona.edu/

If there is anything else, we can do to make your stay comfortable please don’t hesitate to let us know by emailing us at mazaz@email.arizona.edu OR asal34arizona@gmail.com.

Finally, we wish to thank the Executive Director of the Arabic Linguistics Society, Dr. Hamid Ouali, for answering our questions and sharing his extensive experience with us, and we look forward to sharing ours with ASAL35 organizers.

Enjoy the conference and the city of Tucson, the heart of the Southwest of the United States!

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11. Samantha Wray
12. Stuart Davis

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ASAL34 is held in **Student Union Memorial Center (SUMC), University of Arizona in the Santa Rita Room and the Rincon Room**. Both rooms are located in the third floor of the Union. The street address is 1303 E. University Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85719. To know the map of the University of Arizona, please visit this website: [https://map.arizona.edu/](https://map.arizona.edu/)

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**Venue of the banquet/reception on Saturday at 6:15pm**
ASAL34 Banquet Dinner/Reception will be held in one of the most iconic rooms at the University of Arizona: **The Arizona Room (Student Union, 3nd floor, room # 305)**. To get from the conference venue to the Arizona Room, see the map below. If you are coming from elsewhere, here is the complete address is 1303 E. University Blvd Tucson, AZ 85719. Once there, there will be signs to guide you to the the Arizona Room on the 3rd floor of the Union.

[https://www.union.arizona.edu/dining/sumc/arizonaroom](https://www.union.arizona.edu/dining/sumc/arizonaroom)
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 28 (The Santa Rita Room)

8:00-8:45  Registration and Coffee
8:45-9:00  Opening Remarks
         John Paul Jones III, Dean of College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

SYNTAX I  
Chair: Dr. Stuart Davis

9:00-9:30  Usama Soltan (Middlebury College)
          Deriving Null Objects in Egyptian Arabic: Evidence for Argument Ellipsis
9:30-10:00 Hamid Ouali (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)
          The Correlation Between Verb Movement and Tense in Arabic

10:00-11:00 Keynote
Introduction by Dr. Usama Soltan
Ahmad Alqassas (Georgetown University)
The Syntax of Polarity and Coordination in Arabic

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

PHONOLOGY I  
Chair: Dr. Samantha Wray

11:15-11:45  Abdel-Khalig Ali (University of Toronto)
             On the Realization of the Glottal Stop in Sudanese Arabic
11:45-12:15  Abdullah Alfaifi & Stuart Davis (Indiana University)
             Some Properties of the m-Definite Article in Upper Faifi Arabic
12:15-12:45  Ahmed Alnuqaydan (University of Utah)
             Optionality in Avoidance of CCC Clusters in Qassimi Arabic

12:45-2:00 Lunch (on your own)

DIGLOSSIA, CORPUS, & DISCOURSE  
Chair: Dr. Amel Khalfaoui

2:00-2:30  Khaled Elghamry & Attia Youseif (Indiana University)
          ArabiLight: A Corpus-Based Model for Spoken Modern Standard Arabic
2:30-3:00  Essa Alfaifi (University of Arizona and Jazan University)
          An Emergent Grammar Model for Diglossic Variations between Arabic and Faifi
3:00-3:30  Karen McNeil (Georgetown University)
          When the Leak Becomes a Flood: Destabilizing Diglossia in Tunisia
3:30-4:00  Khaled Elghamry (Indiana University)
          Detecting and Measuring Hate Speech in Arabic Social Media

4:00-4:15 Coffee Break

Keynote

4:15-5:15  Samira Farwaneh (University of Arizona)
           Introduction by Dr. Stuart Davis
           Do Languages Really “Undress”? Modern Arabic Varieties Between Simplicity and Complexity
Saturday, February 29 (The Rincon Room)

7:30-8:30  Registration and Coffee

SOCIOLINGUISTICS        Chair: Dr. Adam Benkato

8:30-9:00  Ekab Al-shawashreh (Yarmouk University) & Marwan Jarrah (University of Jordan)
            Variation in Verbal Negation in Jordanian Arabic

9:00-9:30  Vladimir Kulikov, Najlla Al-Hajri, & Buthaina Al-Kuwari (Qatar University)
            Generational Changes in VOT in Qatari Arabic

9:30-10:00 Sarah Schwartz (University of Texas at Austin)
            Linguistic Globalization and New Urbanism: Mapping a Single Indexical Field of [tʃ] in
            French, Cairene Arabic, and Casablancan Arabic

10:00-11:00 Keynote
             Rania Habib (Syracuse University)
             Variation in Syrian Arabic

11:00-11:15 Special Guest & Coffee Break

SYNTAX III        Chair: Dr. Hamid Ouali

11:15-11:45  Peter Hallman (Austrian Research Institute for Artificial Intelligence)
            “ʔadd” as an Equative Degree Quantifier in Levantine Arabic

11:45-12:15  Maris Camilleri (University of Essex)
            “Ps” in the Varied Perfect Expressing Constructions across Arabic

12:15-12:45  Marwan Jarrah (University of Jordan)
            Agree Blocks Movement: Evidence from Arabic

12:45-2:00  Catered Lunch and Business Meeting
            (The Rincon Room)    Business Meeting Chair: Dr. Hamid Ouali

2:00-3:30  PLENARY POSTER SESSION

1.  Othman Alshehri (University of Arizona)
    Blocking Effects of Nominalization on Arabic Passives: A Case of a Syntax-Semantics
    Conspiracy

2.  Letizia Cerqueglini (Tel Aviv University)
    Conditional Clauses in Modern Standard Arabic and Jisr az-Zarqā Arabic: A Semantic
    Comparison

3.  Elsayed Issa (University of Arizona) & Aitor Arronte (University of Hawai`i at Manoa)
    Summarization of Moroccan Arabic News Texts Using Probabilistic Topic Modeling for
    Arabic L2 Micro-Learning Tasks

4.  Amal El-Haimeur (University of Kansas)
    The Acquisition of Verbal-Derivational Patterns by Moroccan HS in France
5. Hussein Al-Bataineh & Saleem Abdelhady (Memorial University of Newfoundland) 
The Morphosyntax of Exclamatives in Arabic: Against a Clausal Cartographic Analysis

6. Abdessamad M‘barki (University of Arizona) & Ahmed Berrissoul (University of Mohamed V) 
The Semantic Structure of the Spatial Arabic Prepositions, fī and ‘ala

7. Saja Albuarabi (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) 
The Syntactic Properties of Negative Concord in Iraqi Arabic

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**ACQUISITION**

Chair: Dr. Ali Idrissi

3:30-4:00 Reem Khamis-Dakwar, Iman Salam, Amanda Nagler (Adelphi University) & Karen Froud (Columbia University) 
Arabic and English Plural Formation in Typically Developing Heritage Speakers of Arabic: A Longitudinal Study

4:00-4:30 Iman Albadar (Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University & University of Delaware) 
Are Arabic Listeners ‘Stress Deaf’ to their Own L2 Pronunciation?

4:30-5:00 Anna Gavarró & Iman el Hadef Hammad (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) 
The Acquisition of Word Order in Early Moroccan Arabic

5:00-5:15 Coffee Break

5:15-6:15 Keynote
Mohamed Embarki (Université de Franche-Comté, France) 
Introduction by Dr. Peter Hallman
The Dynamic of the Sound System from Proto-Arabic to the Modern Dialects: Between Retention and Innovation

6:15-9:00 Banquet/Reception
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Sunday, March 1 (The Rincon Room)

8:45-9:00 Coffee

**HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS**

Chair: Dr. Mohamed Embarki

9:00-9:30 Adam Benkato (University of California-Berkeley) 
Multiple Origins, Convergence, and the Earliest Maghribi Varieties: The Case of Sibilant-Merging

9:30-10:00 Alexander Magidow (University of Rhode Island) 
Subgrouping Arabic Dialects via Historical Developments in Closed-Class Morphemes

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**MORPHOLOGY & PSYCHOLINGUISTICS**

Chair: Dr. Reem Khamis-Dakwar

10:00-10:30 Laura Faircloth (University of Texas at Austin) 
Models of Root Co-Occurrence Restrictions and Their Implications for Arabic Phonology

10:30-11:00 Samantha Wray (New York University Abu Dhabi) 
Morphosyntactic Derivation of the Form VIII Verb: Stuck in the Middle Again

11:00-11:30 Ali Idrissi, Eiman Mustafawi, Tariq Khwaileh (Qatar University) & John E. Drury (Jiangsu Normal University)
The Possible Root of Consonantal Root Effects in Arabic: Evidence from Neurophysiological Data

**PHONOLOGY II**

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<td>Mohammed Abuhaib (Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University &amp; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)</td>
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