

## Call for Abstracts

### 3rd ENTAN conference:

## Realising Linguistic, Cultural and Educational Rights through Non-Territorial Autonomy

*Constanta, 13-14 May 2022*

The European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network (ENTAN) invites applications to participate in its third conference in Constanta, Romania, on 13-14 May 2022.

**ENTAN** is a COST Action that examines non-territorial autonomy (NTA) and its potential for accommodating the needs of different ethno-cultural and ethno-linguistic communities within a common state framework. Originally conceived in Central and Eastern Europe as a way of resolving rival group-based claims for territorial sovereignty by granting substantive cultural self-determination to a community of persons defined by shared ethnic and/or linguistic identity, NTA is today situated within an international legal regime that recognises the inalienable right to use a regional or minority language in private or public life (UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) and which frames protection of such languages as an important contribution to the building of a Europe based on core principles of democracy and cultural diversity (European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages).

The aim of the third ENTAN conference is to examine how and in what contexts (both past and present) different modalities of NTA worldwide can enable the practical realisation of minority linguistic, cultural, and educational rights in support of multicultural concepts of citizenship and democracy.

The term NTA is still most typically used to describe particular institutional arrangements for minorities in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe. There is still much work to be

done, however, on the actual functionality of these institutions in terms of delivering the rights essential to the maintenance of minority identity. At the same time, the scope of the NTA concept has been extended to encompass a range of frameworks for diversity accommodation in different parts of the world, raising ever more interesting debates over how ‘minority autonomy’ (and indeed ‘minority’ itself) can be defined. By extension, NTA is also bound up with deeper theoretical questions connected to identity and boundaries – if NTA is about self-determination, then how is the collective ‘Self’ in question to be defined, and how do NTA practices define and shape the relationship between the ‘Self’ and various ‘Others’? How does NTA relate to broader concepts such as multiculturalism, interculturalism and societal integration in a world shaped by processes of economic globalisation, regionalisation, and migration, but also increasingly by counter-currents of exclusionary nationalism and ethnopopulism?

Our conference will address these questions both theoretically and in relation to empirical case studies. We call upon scholars and practitioners interested in NTA to submit paper and panel proposals around the following (indicative, not exclusive) list of topics:

- ▶ The nation state and NTA: how can they work together for the realisation of linguistic, cultural, and educational rights of minorities?
- ▶ Legal and political aspects of NTA arrangements for the implementation of linguistic, cultural, and educational rights for minorities
- ▶ Potentials and deficits of NTA models for the realisation of linguistic, cultural, and educational rights for minorities
- ▶ Historical and contemporary cases of NCA or NTA illustrating the practice of minority rights
- ▶ NTA modalities of linguistic, cultural, and educational rights of scattered minorities (e.g. Roma), indigenous peoples (e.g. Sami), migrants and refugees
- ▶ Educational policies and linguistic diversity in NTA contexts
- ▶ NTA and its implications for cultural identities and identity boundaries
- ▶ Scope of NTA: group recognition and identities, communal boundaries
- ▶ Media and NTA arrangements
- ▶ The role of kin-states in NTA regimes for the realisation of linguistic, cultural, and educational rights for minorities.

The working language of the conference is English. The conference welcomes papers and panel proposals by both scholars and PhD students. Young researchers and investigators (YRIs) and participants from inclusiveness target countries (ITC) are especially encouraged to take part.

**Abstracts:** Maximum 300 word abstracts can be submitted by email to [entan@uacs.edu.mk](mailto:entan@uacs.edu.mk) Abstracts should be written in Word or RTF formats, font Times New Roman size 12, following this order: author(s), affiliation, email address, title of abstract, body of abstract, 5-7 key words. A short biography (max. 150 words) of the author(s) is also required.

### **Abstract submission deadline: 17 January 2022.**

Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be sent by 30 January 2022.

Authors whose abstracts have been accepted will be required to submit their papers by 15 March 2022. Following a peer review process, authors of selected papers may opt to be included in a separate conference proceedings volume which is to be published after the conference.

**Registration:** The conference is supported by **COST** and there is no conference fee.

Selected presenters who are ENTAN members and whose papers have been submitted on time (by 15 March 2022) are eligible for reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs in line with the COST rules. Selected presenters who are not ENTAN members, but come from **countries** participating in ENTAN and whose papers have been submitted on time (by 15 March 2022) may be eligible for partial reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs based on availability of funds. Priority in funding will be given to ENTAN members who are authors of papers of top quality and relevance to the conference topic, as well as to ITC and YRIs participants. In case of co-authored submissions, eligible for reimbursement is one of the co-authors only.

### **Third ENTAN Conference Committee:**

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