

The Second  
**International Interdisciplinary Conference**  
on Perspectives and Limits of Dialogism  
in Mikhail Bakhtin



Stockholm University  
Sweden

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## Announcement and Call for Paper



*The symbol of the conference is the two-faced Janus face. Janus was an ancient Roman god of beginnings and doorways, of the rising and setting sun, looking in opposite directions. Janus has been associated with polarities, that is, seeing different and contrasting aspects, having or containing contrasting characteristics. As a metaphor it describes Bakhtin's view on dialogues and dialogicality within or between "selves" and "others".*

### Welcome!

Welcome to Stockholm University, Sweden!

Stockholm University is proud to announce the Second Interdisciplinary Conference on Perspectives and Limits of Dialogism in Mikhail Bakhtin, June 3–5, 2009. All those who are interested in Bakhtinian perspectives on dialogism are invited to attend the conference.

We look forward to meeting you!

### Aim of the Conference

The increased interest in the work of Mikhail Bakhtin among Western scholars has been particularly evident ever since the 1980s. Because of its erudition and versatility as well as its multidimensionality and open character, Bakhtin's ideas about dialogism have been a source of inspiration for various approaches within different scientific fields.

The core of Bakhtin's theory is dialogue and dialogicality, where the "I" and the "self", the "you" and the "other" are embedded in each other, affecting each other, and functioning together as a centrifugal force around which communication and life circles.

This interdisciplinary conference on Bakhtinian issues aims at addressing researchers, and, research on dialogue and dialogicality, within and between different academic disciplines.

### Conference Themes

The scopes of the conference include dialogism within and between the following disciplines:

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| - anthropology | - literature        | - psychology       |
| - art          | - medicine          | - rhetoric         |
| - education    | - technology        | - religion         |
| - economy      | - pedagogy          | - semiotics        |
| - gender       | - philosophy        | - sociology        |
| - history      | - political science | - speech pathology |
| - linguistics  | - psychoanalysis    | - theatre          |

The conference is however not limited to these themes, but welcomes proposals within any academic field, that focus on theoretical, empirical and methodological aspects of dialogism.

## Call for Papers

The program committee invites researchers to send proposals as a paper, a poster or a symposium.

**Proposals must be submitted electronically** on the conference website. You will find all the instructions for submitting your proposal in the form. Please open and follow the directions: [www.nordiska.su.se/bakhtin2009](http://www.nordiska.su.se/bakhtin2009)

### Paper

All papers accepted will be grouped in coordinated paper sessions and assigned a chair and a discussant selected by the program committee.

### Poster

A poster session is allotted two hours and contains 4–6 presentations, including a discussion, led by a discussant selected by the program committee.

### Symposium

A symposium is allotted one hour and a half and contains 3–4 paper presentations followed by 30 minutes of discussion, led by a discussant selected by the program committee.

## Keynote Speakers

### Michael Holquist

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Professor emeritus at Yale University, USA, and doctor honoris causa at Stockholm University, Sweden, is in the Western world known as the introducer of Bakhtin. He is also the researcher who most thoroughly has interpreted him, and also developed his ideas. He is world wide known as the most prominent expert on Bakhtin. (For further information see Google!)

### Hugo Lagercrantz

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Professor in pediatrics at The Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden, is a world-famous researcher on new-born children. His research is extensive. It spans from medical problems within the new-born to interaction between child and care giver. During the last years his research has focussed on consciousness in the new born child. (For further information see Google!)

### Per Linell

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Professor, at Linköping University, Sweden, is one of the most prominent researchers in the world as to the study of spoken language. From the point of departure of dialogue and dialogicality he challenges the predominant grammatical view of linguistics, which for decades has been based on written language. (For further information see Google!)

### Ragnar Rommetveit

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Professor emeritus in psychology at Oslo University, Norway, is one of the most prominent researchers in the world on dialogism and intersubjectivity. His notion of the concept of intersubjectivity has extensively been quoted by researchers dealing with the concept of dialogue and dialogicality all over the world. (For further information see Google!)

### James V. Wertsch

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Professor at Washington University, St Louis, USA, and doctor honoris causa at Linköping University, Sweden, is the world wide known researcher who has developed Vygotskian and Bakhtinian ideas, and also integrated them into his forefront studies on sociocultural theories about action and mind. (For further information see Google!)

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## Dates to Remember in 2009

**January 31:** Submissions for paper, poster or symposium proposals.

**March 25:** Notification of acceptance/rejection.

**April 3:** Deadline for registration.

**June 3–5:** Conference days.