

## ASAL 36 Schedule



**Conference venue:** Room N400, Linguistics Department,  
Integrative Learning Center, 650 North Pleasant Street, Amherst

**Abstracts**

**Friday, March 24, 2023**

8:00 - 8:45 Registration and Coffee/Breakfast

**8:45 - 9:00 Opening Remarks**

John McCarthy, Distinguished University Professor, Provost Emeritus  
(University of Massachusetts Amherst)

**Session 1: Syntax** (Chair: Kyle Johnson)

9:00 - 9:30 **Preposition Stranding in Hijazi Arabic Sluicing**

Aisha Fuddah & Hamid Ouali (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

9:30 - 10:00 **On the Island Insensitivity in Sluicing: Evidence from Hijazi Arabic (online)**

Nouf Alaowffi & Bader Alharbi (Qassim University)

**10:00 - 11:00 Keynote 1:** (Chair: Hamid Ouali)

**Categorial Features, Clause Structure, and the Development of the Copula in Arabic Varieties (online)**

Abbas Benmamoun (Duke University)

11:00 - 11:15 **Coffee Break**

**Session 2: Sociolinguistics/Discourse** (Chair: Polina Kasyanova)

11:15 - 11:45 **Foregrounding and Imperfect Verbs in Upper Egyptian Narratives**

Michael White (Indiana University Bloomington)

11:45 - 12:15 **Arabic-inclusive writing online: analyzing stances and evaluating attitudes (online)**

Soubeika Bahri (University of Colorado Denver)

12:15 - 12:45 **Contesting the Commodification of Moroccan Arabic in Arab Pop Music (online)**

Atiqa Hachimi (University of Toronto)

12:45 - 2:00 **Lunch on your own - UMass Dining Halls**

- **Blue Wall:** (ground floor of Campus Center/Hotel UMass, right across the ILC, conference venue)

- **Worcester Dining:** Exit the building through the door on North Pleasant St., walk north (turn left) until you see the Worcester building on the right sidewalk.

**Session 3: Historical Linguistics/Grammaticalization** (Chair: Maris Camilleri)

2:00 - 2:30 **Morphological Variation as a Catalyst for Syntactic Change in Arabic Negated Pronouns**

Thomas Leddy-Cecere (Bennington College)

2:30 - 3:00 **The Periphrastic Passive Grammaticalization in Modern Standard Arabic**

Abdullah Alasmari (Georgetown University & Taif University)

3:00 - 3:15 **Coffee Break**

**Session 4: Phonology & Phonetics** (Chair: John Kingston)

3:15 - 3:45 **Do Arabic short vowels follow a non-peripheral track?**

Vladimir Kulikov, Aisha Al-Mazrouei & Aisha Negm (Qatar University)

3:45 - 4:15 **Perception of American English Flaps by L1 Arabic L2 English Speakers**

Khaleel Abusal (Texas Tech University)

4:15 - 4:45 **Consonant Cluster Palatalization in Media Arabic**

Rachel Meyer (University of Florida)

4:45 - 5:00 **Break**

**5:00 - 6:00 Keynote 2: [Cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances]**

Michael Becker (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

8:00 - 8:30 Registration and Coffee/Breakfast

**Session 5: Psycholinguistics** (Chair: Brian Dillon)

8:30 - 9:00 **On the distribution of Differential Object Marking in Levantine Arabic: An experimental study**

Aya Zarka (McMaster University & Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) & Aviya Hacohen (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

9:00 - 9:30 **Psychophysical evidence for abstract phonological representations: the case of OCP Place in Arabic**

Ali Idrissi, Arwa Nahia, Mariam Al-Taraireh, Sura Shalabi & Yousri Marzouki (Qatar University)

9:30 - 10:00 **Native listeners' sensitivity to morphophonological cues on the Arabic definite article (online)**

Hind Aldakheelallah & Cynthia Lukyanenko (George Mason University)

10:00 - 10:15 **Coffee Break**

**Session 6: Phonology** (Chair: Kristine Yu)

10:15 - 10:45 **Exploring diagnostics for the phonological status of inserted vowels in two Arabic dialects**

Obied Alaqlobi (University of Bisha) & Sam Hellmuth (University of York)

10:45 - 11:15 **Word Stress in Faifi Arabic: The Missing Link? (in-person & online)**

Abdullah Alfaifi (University of Bisha) & Stuart Davis (Indiana University Bloomington)

11:15 - 11:45 **Temporal Organization of Word-initial CC Sequences: A Case Study of Najdi**

Omar Alkhonini (Majmaah University) & Harim Kwon (Seoul National University)

11:45 - 12:45 **Keynote 3:** (Chair: Stuart Davis)

**Arabic sociophonetics: the sum of its parts?**

Ghada Khattab (Newcastle University)

12:45 - 2:00 **Catered Lunch, and Business Meeting (at N400)**

**Session 7: Morphology** (Chair: Abbas Benmamoun)

2:00 - 2:30 **In Search of Morphological Productivity: The Arabic Noun Plural**

Salam Khalifa (Stony Brook University)

2:30 - 3:00 **Root re-construction in Arabic hypocoristics**

Ali Idrissi (Qatar University) & Jean-Francois Prunet (Kuwait University)

3:00 - 3:30 **The morphological structure of Kuwaiti surnames**

Amin Almuhanha (Kuwait University)

3:30 - 3:45      **Coffee Break**

**Session 8: Syntax-semantics** (Chair: Rajesh Bhatt)

3:45 - 4:15      **Two types of definites in Tihami Arabic**  
Amer Asiri (University of Kansas)

4:15 - 4:45      **Non-split vs. split semantics of exceptives in Palestinian Arabic**  
Alaa Al-Sharif (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

4:45 - 5:15      **Packaging Bi-eventivity in a Mono-clausal Construction**  
Nadine Abdel-Rahman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**7:00 - 8:30      Banquet/Reception** (*in the hallway of Linguistics Department*)

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

8:00 - 8:30 Coffee/Breakfast

**Session 9: Acquisition** (Chair: Misha Becker)

8:30 - 9:00 **Development of Southern Levantine Heritage Grammar**

Ahmad Alqassas (Georgetown University)

9:00 - 9:30 **Acquisition of Agreement Asymmetries in L2 Arabic: A Formal Feature Approach (online)**

Mahmoud Azaz (University of Arizona)

9:30 - 10:00 **Children's Acquisition of Passive Constructions in Najdi Arabic (online)**

Bayan Albedaiwi & Yasser Albaty (Qassim University)

10:00 - 10:15 **Coffee Break**

**Session 10: Historical Linguistics/Grammaticalization** (Chair: Thomas Leddy-Cecere)

10:15 - 10:45 **The Grammaticalization of Iterative Aspectual Markers in Rural Jordanian Arabic: the Case of Reduplication and the Active Participle *naazil* (online)**

Basem Al-Raba'a (KIMEP University)

10:45 - 11:15 **Assessing Change in the Levantine Future: Evidence from Lebanese and Palestinian Arabic (online)**

Yasmine Abou Taha (University of Toronto, Scarborough)

**11:15 - 12:15 Keynote 4:** (Chair: Ahmad Alqassas)

**Understanding possessives via locatives and explaining locatives via possessives**

Maris Camilleri (University of Essex/Queen Mary University of London)

**12:15 Closing Remarks**

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