

## ***Multilingualism in a changing Europe: theoretical and empirical issues***

The Round Table aims at investigating some highly debated issues in the study of Multilingualism, bringing together three different strands of research, (i) the **neurocognitive and acquisitional dimension**, (ii) the **language documentation, description and revitalization perspective**, (iii) the **sociolinguistic and political aspects**, in relation to the current changing scenarios in the European settings. Special attention will be devoted, albeit not exclusively, to the following issues:

- **Language processing and learning** in multilingual speakers
- **Multilingualism and linguistic diversity** in Europe
- **Individual and societal multilingualism** (autochthonous and migration-induced)
- **The interplay among the standard languages, the local varieties and speakers' languages** (as L1, L2 or L3) in multilingual communication
- **Understanding multiculturalism** and its manifestations, particularly **its interface with multilingualism** (e.g., attitudes towards diversity, integration, etc.)
- The **creation of archives of immigration languages and varieties**, including the ethnographic documentation of spoken varieties, literacy practices and the linguistic landscape
- **Devising and implementing best practices and policies** for the integration of multilingual speakers from different ethnic groups (e.g., language planning, language policy, provision of social and public services, etc.)
- Providing **foundations for a comparative study of multilingualism and multiculturalism** in Europe