Within the framework of the Third Conference on Language Contact in Times of Globalization (LCTG3), a thematic panel is organized on “Metalinguistic Discourse on Language Contact and Globalization”.

The panel particularly focuses on the following questions:

- Which aspects of globalization surface in metalinguistic discourse? What are the ‘limits of awareness’ concerning contact phenomena?
- To what degree is metalinguistic discourse an index of prescriptive linguistic practices?
- What is the role of purism and related linguistic practices in standardization and re-standardization procedures?
- What is the influence of purism and related practices on language change? Are there methodologically sound procedures for measuring such an influence?
- How is globalization itself discursively constructed? Which role do language ideologies play in this construction?
- How can we delimit the process (or the concept) of globalization historically? When does globalization ‘start’? When do people start to talk about it, and how does this discourse evolve?
- Is globalization itself a global (discursive) phenomenon?
- What are the analogies and the differences between the contemporary contact-under-‘globalization’ situation and other historical cases (e.g., of vehicular languages such as French, Spanish, Greek koine, etc.)?

The organizers of the thematic panel welcome particularly corpus-based and methodologically innovative approaches. Proposals for 30-minute presentations (including discussion), comprising a 500-word (maximum) abstract, should be submitted electronically to the organizers of the thematic panel by January 15, 2011.