Linguapax gathers together several speakers to explore the relationship between spiritual traditions and language - how religious diversity channels different linguistic perspectives.

Linguistic diversity does not just include a variety of codes, what we call 'languages', but also a plurality of ways by which humans represent and experience language.

Spiritual traditions, and the religious practices that derive from them, are to a good degree reflected in specific ways of conceiving and living human communication and expression, the relationship between language, body/mind, and the spiritual dimension that each tradition manifests.

The conference schedules a brief, but intense, journey through a small selection of issues:

- What do we discover about our conception and experience of language if we look at it through the experience of spiritual traditions? (Jordi Pigem);
- What do we discover in the history of religions if we examine them through the languages that channelled and disseminated them? (Nicholas Ostler);
- In the context of globalized cities, how do the religious affiliations of young people interact with their linguistic ideologies and education? (Vally Lytra).
- How does religious diversity and linguistic diversity interact in Barcelona? (Roundtable discussion with several representatives).

PROGRAMME

9:00       Registration.

9:30       Institutional opening:

- **Mònica Pereña**, president of Linguapax
- **Lola López**, Commissioner for Immigration, Interculturality and Diversity of the Barcelona City Council.

9:45       Presentation of the conference. **Alícia Fuentes-Calle**, director of Linguapax.
10:00 Opening lecture:
"As there is in the word all the light and wonder of the world...". 
Jordi Pigem, philosopher of science and writer.

10:45 How Missionary Faiths Evolve, as they Expand into New Languages. Religious History Affected by Language Changes.
Nicholas Ostler, chair of the Foundation for Endangered Languages. Presented by Enric Serra, member of the Linguapax Board, associate professor at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

11:30 Break


12:30 Roundtable discussion, conducted by Mercè Solé, Secretary of Linguapax. Languages and spiritual traditions in Barcelona. With the participation of Mustapha Aoulad Sellam, Jorge Burdman, Montse Castellà and Gagandeep Singh Khalsa.

13:30 Wrapping up (23 and 24 conference days). Àlia Fuentes-Calle.

13:45 Closing.

Simultaneous interpretation in English and Catalan at all sessions. Registration is free: https://goo.gl/TBNMT8