The conference focuses on multilingualism in Western Asia, specifically of the Kurdish-populated areas of “Cross-border Kurdistan” at the convergence of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Turkey, and the neighboring countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. In this area, several Indo-European languages are spoken, some of which include Armenian, Kurdish varieties, and Persian. A number of non-Indo-European languages (Azeri Turkic, Neo-Aramaic, and Turkish) and Caucasian languages such as Georgian are also spoken in this region. The conference aims to initiate a network that investigates contact-induced language change in this region.

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