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INTERNATIONAL GENDER AND LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION (IGALA) - CONFERENCE 2025

“RETHINKING (G)LOCAL GENDERS, SEXUALITIES,
AND ACTIVISMS”

23, 24, and 25 July 2025
Montevideo, Uruguay

1st Call For Papers

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Key information:

- The venue for this event is Facultad de Humanidades y Ciencias de la Educación, Universidad de la República
- The full conference will be **on-site**. The three languages of the conference will be: English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Motivation:

Founded in 1999, IGALA is the premiere international scholarly organization committed to the promotion and support of research on language, gender, and sexuality.

We are currently witnessing a time of both great achievements and rising conflicts across and within activist movements around the world. What is the role of language and communication in these apparently contradictory processes? To explore this, the **theme** of IGALA 13 (2025) is: **Re-thinking (g)local genders, sexualities, and activisms**. We aim to foster a critical examination of the current political, ideological, social, and cultural tensions between local, regional, and global understandings of genders and sexualities -and their intersection with other social categories such as race, social class, age, etc.

2025 is a very important year for the field and for the association as we celebrate the anniversary of several field-changing publications, such as the 50th anniversary of *Language and Woman's place* (Lakoff 1975), the 40th anniversary of *Feminism and Linguistic Theory* (Cameron 1985), and the 30th anniversary of *Gender Articulated* (Bucholtz & Hall 1995). These books, among others, had a great impact on the development and internationalization of the field of language, gender and sexuality. However, since then, the local, regional and global sociopolitical arena has shifted in many ways: a rise of feminist movements but also a rise of anti-gender governmental, institutional and collective actions, growing legislation to secure transgender rights but also a rising orchestration of anti-trans movements, an awareness of gender as a socially-constructed, relational and dynamic category but, at the same time, a growing interest in securing sex-based rights.





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These few examples suffice to illustrate some of the current conflicts and tensions that call for a critical re-examination of the field: What role does language -and, more broadly, semiotic processes- play in constructing, reproducing, contesting or transforming current understandings of genders, sexualities, and activisms which seem to dispute visibility, legitimacy, freedom, and rights?

Our goal is to showcase **research on language, gender, and sexuality from a diverse range of cultural, linguistic, and geographical contexts**, in particular work that engages with issues of **individual/collective/institutional power dynamics and agency in the situated representation, construction, and negotiation of gender and sexuality and their connection to language and, more broadly, semiosis**. We also wish to encourage **theoretical, empirical, and methodological discussions** on the past, present, and future of the field.

Confirmed Keynote speakers

Dr. Deborah Cameron (Oxford University, UK)

Dr. Lexi Webster (University of Southampton, UK)

Dr. Glenda Melo (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

Call for abstracts:

We invite abstracts for the following types of presentations:

Individual Paper presentations

A paper presented by a sole author or by several co-authors (15 minutes + Q&A).

Proposals should include:

- The paper title
- An abstract of the paper (max. 350 words) and three to five keywords
- Name(s), affiliation(s) and email(s) for the author(s) (on a separate section).

Discussion Panels

A panel includes 3 to 4 papers (15 minutes + Q&A).

Panel organizers need to submit their proposal. Proposals should include:

- A title and description (max. 400 words) of the panel
- Name, affiliation and contact email for the panel chair
- Full name and affiliation for each participant of the panel
- Title and an abstract for each paper (max. 200 words).



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Abstracts for both individual presentations and discussion panels will be anonymously reviewed. Authors may present a maximum of two presentations, only one of which may be sole-/first-authored. This limit applies to both panel papers and individual papers.

Important dates:

- Proposal submissions - from May 20th to July 15th 2024 ([submission platform under construction](#))
- Notification of acceptance - October 2024
- Registration period - starts in October 2024
- Conference dates - July, 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2025.

Information about submission platform, fees and partial bursaries will be provided in the Second Call For Papers.

Presenters must be IGALA members by the time of registration. More information about the association is available here: <https://igalaweb.wixsite.com/igala>

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