Announcing IGALA 14 Best Student Paper Prize
Submission Deadline: March 1st, 2027

Every two years at our conferences, the International Gender and Language Association (IGALA) celebrates and recognizes exceptional student research through our Best Student Paper Prize. We warmly invite undergraduate and graduate students to share papers that are relevant to the theme of 2027 IGALA conference (IGALA 14): **Researching Language, Gender and Sexuality in Times of Political Challenge**. While many places have made progress in social attitudes and laws relating to gender and sexuality diversity, there has also been growing resistance, with anti-gender, anti-LGBTQ+, and nationalist ideologies gaining strength. We welcome research that addresses questions emerging from this, such as those exploring how language, gender, and sexuality studies can respond to these challenging political contexts, and how language itself shapes debates over rights, authenticity, and legitimacy. We also encourage papers that connect this work to other global issues such as the climate emergency, forced migration, and shifting configurations of global power.

Submissions should be 5,000- 7,000 words in length (including references), in .pdf format, Times New Roman 12 pt. font, written in Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, or English. Submissions should not have been published or accepted for publication elsewhere and co-authored submissions are acceptable as long as all authors are students. Submissions co-authored by advisors are not allowed. All undergraduate and postgraduate students are eligible to participate, including those who are not IGALA members. While the author(s) can be from any discipline and institution, the submission must be a language-based research paper that is relevant to the conference theme.

Submissions should be emailed as an attachment to: igalastudentprize@gmail.com. Papers should be anonymized. Please include the name, address, department and university, and email address of all the authors in the body of the email; in addition, indicate your status as an undergraduate or graduate student. Submissions with incomplete information will not be considered.

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Papers will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Addressing the theme of Researching Language, Gender and Sexuality in Times of Political Challenge.
2. Internal coherence and structure.
3. Extent of literature review/coverage of the field.
4. Importance and originality of research topic to the field of language, gender, and sexuality.
5. Style and textual quality.

The winner(s) will receive a two year membership to IGALA which includes a subscription to the journal *Gender and Language*. The winner(s) will also have a chance to work with the editors of the journal to develop the paper into a published article. In addition, the author(s) will be listed as an award winner on the IGALA website.

Awards will be presented at the IGALA 14 Conference, July 21-23, 2027, held at York St John University in the city of York, UK.

For questions concerning the award, please contact: Victoria Furtado (IGALA Graduate Student Representative) at vitofurt@gmail.com.

We look forward to your submissions!

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