

Linguaging Diversity international conference

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS
Extended submission deadline: 22nd March 2021

Linguaging Diversity 2021

Online symposium

13-15 October 2021

University of Lille, France

STL (*Savoirs, Textes, Langage*), Research Lab, UMR 8163 du CNRS

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Background

Linguaging Diversity is the itinerating conference of the [I-Land Interuniversity Research Centre](#), an international independent and interdisciplinary center for advanced studies in Linguistics, Social Sciences and the Humanities with a focus on the key notions of identity and diversity, from a linguistic, cultural, and gender studies perspective, in and across cultures.

The seventh edition of the Linguaging Diversity conference (LD2021) will be organized by the University of Lille, France. Due to the COVID-19 ongoing pandemic, the event will be held exclusively online via the virtual conference management platform [Underline](#).

Conference theme

"The Linguistic Construction of Emotional Challenges in a Changing Society"

Focus

The 7th edition of the *Languaging Diversity* conference focuses on the emotional challenges that result from the most recent social transformations, and on the way such experiences are expressed in discourse. The extreme social innovations of the last two decades, which have also been brought about by digital communication, are fundamentally altering the way we live and relate to one another in the sphere of work, civic participation, education and learning, affect and sexuality, healthcare and well-being. In their scale and complexity, these social transformations inevitably generate emotional experiences that require to be expressed in language. Some of these emotions, be they negative or positive, are so novel that they still lack a specific linguistic designation, or discursive representation. Conversely, some existing linguistic constructions used to describe an emotional experience may be 'ageing' due to the incredible speed of contemporary social change, and need to be made purposeful again in the light of the processes of variation and/or digitalization of the genres within which they occur. Other categories of emotions may simply *not* be discursively represented at all, because associated to taboo topics in our society (such as mental health or grief). The advent of online communities plays an interesting role in this respect, as they become safe arenas where so far silenced feelings are finally 'voiced' and acknowledged by users and their networked audience. In online discussion fora for example, where people who have endured similar experiences unite, stigma and shame give way to the need to communicate and reify these emotions by means of lexical items chosen by the members of the online support group themselves.

The LD2021 conference convenors invite papers and posters that investigate the intersection of emotion, communication and social change, also within the framework of digital communication. The papers and posters presented at the LD2021 conference will explore the expression of emotion(s) at the different levels of linguistic description (phonological, morphological, syntactic, lexical, semantic, pragmatic, discursive), and in texts and contexts related to traditional and digital genres in different domains, including (but not restricted to) health, medicine and science, media, politics, the law, academia, the world of corporate and institutional work, education and learning.

Given the high transdisciplinary nature of the LD2021 conference theme, innovative methodological approaches in relation to the macro thematic frameworks listed below are particularly welcome.

Subject areas

Discourse Analysis; Critical Discourse Analysis; Systemic Functional Linguistics; Multimodal Semiotics; Corpus Linguistics; Corpus-based discourse studies; Genre Analysis; Pragmatics; Semantics; Cognitive

Linguistics; Construction Grammar; Phonetics; Phonology; Psycholinguistics; SLA; Sociolinguistics; Sociolinguistics of Globalization; Intercultural Communication; World Englishes (EIL, ELF); Language crossing; switching, and mixing; Language variation and language change; Linguistic anthropology; Ethnographic approaches to language; Translation Studies; Media Studies; Specialized languages; Forensic Linguistics.

Thematic frameworks

LD2021 welcomes proposals addressing the linguistic representation of emotional challenges within one of the following (non-exhaustive) thematic frameworks:

- Digital innovation and transformation
- Creating inclusive societies with digital technology
- ICT for education, learning and inclusion
- (Over-)Digitalization of the private sphere
- Information manipulation: democracy and fake news
- Online violence: cyberbullying, digital drama and hate speech
- Disagreement and conflict
- Climate action and the environment
- Sustainability and the bioeconomy
- Health, demographic change and wellbeing
- Palliative care
- Death, bereavement and grief
- End-of-life law and assisted dying
- Ageing and age-specific issues
- Digital technology for sexual and reproductive health
- Affect and sexuality
- Taboo concepts, curse words and profanity
- Pornography, obscenity and censorship
- Gender equality and gender justice
- Social exclusion, discrimination, inequalities and their relation to mental health
- The rise of the shared/collaborative economy and new forms of social inclusion
- Emerging legal issues in the 21st century
- Artificial intelligence and the law
- Intellectual property in the digital age
- Identity-related crime
- Legal and ethical issues in healthcare

Conference convenors

Giuditta Caliendo, Université de Lille & STL, France
Maarten Lemmens, Université de Lille & STL, France
Mégane Lesuisse, Université de Lille & STL, France

Confirmed keynote speakers

Jeannette Littlemore (University of Birmingham, UK)

Maïa Ponsonnet (University of Western Australia, AU)

Andrea Scarantino (Georgia State University, US)

Important dates

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 22nd March 2021

Notification of acceptance: by 30 April 2021

Early bird registration opens 30 April and ends 31 August 2021

Conference: 13-15 October 2021

Conference administration

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