Languaging Diversity 2023 (LD2023)
14-15-16 December 2023
Università di Torino, Italy
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Department of Languages, Foreign Literatures and Modern Cultures

Background
Languaging Diversity is an international biannual conference of the I-Land Inter-university Research Center, an international and interdisciplinary center based at the Università di Napoli "L'Orientale", Italy. It welcomes scholars interested in a variety of fields such as Linguistics, Social Sciences, and the Humanities. The concepts of identity and diversity are at the core of the conference series. These are investigated cross-culturally, cross-linguistically and from interdisciplinary perspectives.

Following the seven successful events hosted by the Universities of Napoli (2013), Catania (2014), Macerata (2016), Cagliari (2017), Antwerp (2018), Teruel (2019), and Lille (2021), the eighth edition of the *Languaging Diversity* conference (LD2023) will be organized by the University of Torino, Italy. The event will be hosted in person and online.

Conference theme
"Languaging identities in changing times: Challenges and opportunities"

Focus
The 8th edition of the *Languaging Diversity Conference* (LD2023) focuses on the representation and the languaging of identities against the backdrop of our rapidly changing societies. Cultures, traditions, and customs are evolving very quickly; in the same way, the interpretation of the concept of identity is undergoing a significant transformation.
The contributions presented at the LD2023 conference will explore how people embrace the opportunities and overcome the challenges of current times to create a space for their identities to be acknowledged and recognized.

Research which investigates traditional and digital genres in different domains, including (but not limited to) gender and sexuality, ethnicity, disability, ageism, religion, ecology, medicine and science, media, politics, the law, education, and learning is welcome.

With its focus on identity, *Languaging Diversity 2023* invites contributions from researchers in linguistic, literary, translation, interpreting and cultural studies, as well as from academics in neighboring disciplines with an interest in identity construction through language. Abstracts on research that focuses on any language are welcome, but the language of the conference is English.

The conference is open, but not limited, to the following topics:

- The representation of identity in traditional and new media
- Institutional discourse and identity representation
- Identities in translation

- Audiovisual translation, interpreting and accessibility as vehicles for/subverters of identity representation
- Identity construction in postcolonial settings
- Language, gender identity and sexuality
- National/nationalist identity construction
- Language, identity and disability
- Language, identity and ethnicity
- Language, identity and ageism
- Language, identity and religion
- Linguistic identity construction: native/L1 vs. non-native/L2
- Identity in academic, professional and specialized domains

Submissions
- Individual presentation
- Panel presentation

Individual presentation
Individual paper presentations will consist of a 20-minute talk followed by 10 minutes for questions and discussion. Please note: individual presentation submissions should present either complete research, or research in progress where at least some substantial results have been achieved. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words including references. To submit your proposal, visit our website.

Panel presentation
Panel proposals on a specific topic are welcome. The panel organizer(s) should submit an abstract of maximum 500 words using the form below with a brief description of the theme of the panel and the list of contributors and title of papers included. Panels can include between 4 and 8 participants.

Each participant to the panels will be required to submit their own abstract (maximum 300 words including references) using the form that can be found on our website and specifying the title of the panel in which they are included in the dedicated space.

Accepted participants will be required to submit an extended (1000-word) version of the abstract at a later stage; this will allow us to put together and publish a Book of Abstracts with an ISBN.

Timeline
Submission
15 February 2023: Launch of CFP and opening of abstract submission
1 April 2023: Deadline for abstract submission
15 July 2023: Outcome of abstract submission + request for extended (1000-word) abstract
30 September 2023: Deadline for extended (1000-word) abstract submission

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Registration
15 July 2023: Opening of early-bird registration
5 October 2023: Deadline for early-bird registration
5 November 2023: Deadline for regular registration

Keynote Speakers
Marinella Belluati (Università di Torino)
Paola Catenaccio (Università degli Studi di Milano)
Mark Nartey (University of West England)
Helen Ringrow (University of Portsmouth)

Conference Convenors
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