

The I-LanD Seminar Series

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Naming and Identity Across Languages and Cultures: Transdisciplinary Perspectives

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We are pleased to invite you to the seminar *Naming and Identity Across Languages and Cultures: Transdisciplinary Perspectives*, which will explore how names are key to the construction and representation of individual and collective identity. Bringing together scholars from different disciplinary backgrounds, ranging from onomastics to sociolinguistics and geography, the discussion will focus on naming practices as forms of decolonial resistance, gender performativity, cultural and linguistic reappropriation, and literary characterization and interpretation. By fostering transdisciplinary contamination, the seminar will examine not only how personal names, placenames, fictional names and brand names denote identity but also how they turn into socially embedded acts that are discursively performed across cultural communities, language varieties, and textual and media genres.

The I-LanD Research Centre is delighted to invite you to this seminar of “*The I-LanD Seminar Series – 4th Edition*”.

Innovative in nature, the I-LanD Seminar Series showcases convenors debating issues in their field(s) of expertise. The seminars aim to encourage speakers to reveal insights, introduce adopted methodologies, highlight pitfalls, and generally expand knowledge in a given area. Each co-host will briefly present their contribution to the theme of the seminar. At the end of each round, fellow convenors and audience members will ask questions on the topics presented, in order to foster an enriching and productive discussion.

The seminar “Naming and Identity Across Languages and Cultures: Transdisciplinary Perspectives”, scheduled for Thursday, May 14th, 2026, 16:30–18:30 (CET), will feature contributions from **Lawrence D. Berg** (University of British Columbia), **Luisa Caiazzo** (University of Basilicata), **Richard Coates** (University of the West of England), and **Sheila Embleton** (York University), in conversation with **Mirko Casagranda** (University of Calabria).

We look forward to welcoming you to this inspiring discussion.