



1st Circular VII EDiSo Symposium

- **Description:**

Discourse studies represent nowadays a broad and transdisciplinary field of research. In fact, discourse analytic studies are not only used in fields that share a common interest in language use, such as linguistic anthropology, critical sociolinguistics, pragmatics, ethnography and media and communication studies, but also in a diverse range of other disciplines such as education, history, psychology, literary studies, philosophy and sociology, to name but a few. In addition, one of the aspects that most clearly shows the development of discourse studies in the 21st century is the use of very diverse methodological approaches, which would have been unthinkable to combine before, because the methodological decision was directly linked to certain schools and disciplines (with, for example, critical discourse analysis, or conversational analysis, or pragmatics, or systemic-functional grammar, among others). Moreover, this diversity is enhanced even more by the peripheral perspectives that we also propose to address in the 7th EDiSo Symposium. Discourse studies from the periphery allow us to explore new spaces of experimentation, decentralising the modes and instruments of analysis.

Some examples, among others, of the current methodological freedom, combination and extension in discourse studies are these: ethnographic approaches are nowadays combined with corpus linguistics; multimodal analysis, born in the systemic-functional school, is used in a wide range of discourse studies, combined with other qualitative and quantitative approaches; or we find work using qualitative and experimental methods. In digital environments, it is becoming increasingly clear that it is necessary to combine methods that take into account the offline/online nexus or big data analysis with qualitative perspectives. Another example that reflects important changes in the epistemologies of discourse and society studies are participatory methodological perspectives. Also in one of the most basic techniques of discourse studies, e.g. the interview, a number of methodologies have been experimented with, such as electronically mediated interviews that impact these mediated discourses; in physical contexts,

walk-along interviews are used as a form that can democratise research. These few examples show that the methodological possibilities and their combinatorics are currently enormous.

In this edition of the 2025 EDiSo Symposium, we propose to offer a platform for engaging with the various methods currently being employed in discourse and society studies. We therefore invite contributions that encourage dialogue around the different methodological approaches presently being used in discourse and society studies: mixed methods, multimodal methods, new ethnographic methods, computational and experimental methods, among many others.

- **Keynote speakers:**

- Germán Canale (Universidad de La República, Uruguay): *Multimodalidad y etnografía: transversalidades, cruces y periferias en la agenda de los estudios críticos del discurso*
 - Jone Miren Hernández (Universidad del País Vasco, España): *Sociolingüística sin hacer. No-saberes en una comunidad de conocimiento: apuntes sobre un estudio de caso*
 - Virginia Unamuno (Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Argentina): *Más allá de la crítica: experiencias y reflexiones en torno a la investigación en co-labor en los estudios del lenguaje en sociedad*
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- **Mode of the symposium:** face-to-face

- **Languages of the symposium:** Spanish, Catalan, Basque, Galician, English, Portuguese

- **Presentation of proposals:**

- **Thematic panels of two hours (presentations + discussion)**

Two options can be proposed: 1) closed panels, with a title, summary of 400 words (excluding bibliography) + four keywords, and the names of the participants (maximum five, including one discussant); and 2) open panels, with a title and a summary of 400 words + four keywords (excluding bibliography).

- **Individual paper presentations of 20 minutes:**

Proposals should be of maximum 400 words (excluding bibliography). Only a maximum of two proposals per author is allowed. It is compulsory to include a maximum of four keywords per abstract.

- **Submission of panel proposals:** info@edisoportel.org

- **Important deadlines:**

Deadline to submit proposals (closed and open panels)	2 September 2024 to 2 October 2024
Notification of acceptance of panels	14 October 2024
Deadline to submit proposals (individual papers and papers for open panels)	15 October 2024 to 30 November 2024
Notification of acceptance (individual papers and papers for open panels)	30 December 2024
Registration (early bird)	3 January 2025 to 15 February 2025
Registration (regular fee)	17 February 2025 to 31 March 2025
Conference programme (first draft)	5 May 2025
Conference programme (final draft)	5 June 2025