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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERCULTURAL PRAGMATICS AND COMMUNICATION INPRA 2016**

**10—12 JUNE 2016, SPLIT CROATIA**

The International Conference on Intercultural Pragmatics and Communication (INPRA) is a well-known biennial meeting and this would be its 7th edition. The main aim of the conference is to bring together researchers from around the world who have diverse scientific backgrounds but share the same field of interest — pragmatics, being perceived as a cognitive, philosophical, social, and intercultural perspective on language and communication.

This conference should promote connections between pragmatic theory and its application in practice, theoretical perspectives (philosophical, cognitive, societal) and intercultural, cross-cultural and societal aspects of pragmatic research.

**Linguistic Fields:** Pragmatics, Sociolinguistics, Applied Linguistics, Discourse Analysis, Semantics, Cognitive Sciences, Philosophy of Language

#### **Keynote Speakers**

Wayne Davis (Georgetown University, USA)

Rachel Giora (Tel Aviv University, Israel)

Laurence R. Horn (Yale University, USA)

Istvan Kecskes (State University of New York at Albany, USA)

**Deadline for Abstract Submission: 20 January 2016**

The conference is supported by the University of Split and the Intercultural Pragmatics Journal (Mouton de Gruyter) and will take place in **Split (Croatia), 10—12 June 2016**.

The INPRA 2016 website contains detailed information about the conference: [www.unist.hr/interculturalpragmatics2016](http://www.unist.hr/interculturalpragmatics2016)

On behalf of the Scientific Committee, we invite all interested scholars and researchers to take part in this international conference.

Please feel free to circulate and forward this email to other researchers.

#### **Conference Co-Chairs**

*Jagoda Granic* (University of Split, Croatia)

*Istvan Kecskes* (State University of New York at Albany, USA)

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## **9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGES & LINGUISTICS**

**4—7 July 2016, Athens, Greece**

The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), a world association of academics and researchers, organizes its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Languages & Linguistics, **4—7 July 2016, Athens, Greece**.

A 300-word abstract should be submitted before **7 December 2015**, by email (atiner@atiner.com), addressed to Dr. George Poulos, Vice-President of Research, ATINER & Emeritus Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa or Dr. Gilda Socarras, Head, Languages & Linguistics Research Unit, ATINER & Associate Professor, Auburn University, USA.

The submission should contain: Title of Paper, First Name, Family name of all co-authors, Current Position of all co-authors, Institutional Affiliation (University/Organization) of all co-authors, Country of all co-authors, an email address of all co-authors and at least 3 keywords that best describe the subject of your submission. Decisions will be reached within four weeks of your submission.

Should you wish to participate in the Conference as a chair of a session, evaluate papers which are to be included in the conference proceedings or books, contribute to the editing of a book, or any other contribution, please send an email to **Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos, President**, ATINER & Honorary Professor, University of Stirling, UK (gregory.papanikos@stir.ac.uk).

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## **CRITICAL APPROACHES TO DISCOURSE ANALYSIS ACROSS DISCIPLINES CADAAD 2016**

**5—7 September 2016, Catania, Sicily**

CADAAD 2016 will take place **5—7 September 2016** and will be held at the Università di Catania, Sicily.

The conference website can be found at [www.cadaad2016.unict.it](http://www.cadaad2016.unict.it).

The organisers of the panel '**Critical approaches to sustainability**' invite papers from a broad range of academic disciplines to reflect critically on the notion of sustainability, across an equally broad spectrum of social contexts, whether from the fields of business, politics or human culture in its most general sense, as long as papers make a contribution to the field of Critical Discourse Studies. Panel Organisers: Barbara Loester, University of Winchester Douglas Ponton, University of Catania Franco Zappetini, Royal Holloway, University of London 'Sustainability' is a buzz word in current corporate parlance, also found in the languages of government departments and advertising agencies, serving a variety of functions across a wide variety of media sources. When used in its environmental sense, the term refers to an important aspect of 'clean' energies; to the fact that these energy sources, over the long term, represent real opportunities for humankind to meet its energy requirements without compromising the future of the planet, as may be the case with either fossil fuels or nuclear power.

In conjunction with an increased interest in ecological sustainability, public discourses of ‘social sustainability’ have also emerged which have raised important questions about the need to make our societies more equitable. Amid this scenario, we have seen that terms from the discourse of ecology, such as ‘carbon footprint’, ‘eco-friendly’, ‘renewable’, etc. and from the discourses of ‘social sustainability’ (such as ‘responsible production/consumption’) have been recontextualised in the discursive practice of ‘greenwashing’, performed by companies and governments that wish to portray their activities in an environmentally friendly light (Zappettini and Unerman, 2015). Thus, the term ‘sustainable development’ risks becoming a glittering generality, one that can be used to evoke a positive response in material not necessarily related to the environmental context. In the business world especially, it can be a synonym of ‘long-term’, referring to decisions that, for example, plough profits back into the firm in the form of investment.

Critical attention to eco/linguistic issues has steadily grown since the 1990s. In a study that was to be important in the expanding field of ecolinguistics, M.A.K. Halliday (2001) argued for critical engagement of linguists with the environmental problems of the world: global warming, climate change, population growth, and so on. The intention of this panel is to rise to Halliday’s challenge by putting the word ‘sustainability’, as he termed it ‘in the dock’ (2001: 197).

Prospective contributors should send an abstract of up to 350 words excluding references as MS Word attachment to: [dmponton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dmponton@hotmail.co.uk) with object: sustainability-panel-cadaad-2016 before 30 November 2015. Further information on the panel can be requested at the same email address.

#### References

Halliday M.A.K. 2001 New ways of meaning: the challenge to applied linguistics. In Fill, Alwin and Muhlhausler, Peter (eds.) *The Ecolinguistics Reader: Language, Ecology and Environment*. London and New York, Continuum. 191—193.

Zappettini F., Unerman J. (2015) ‘Mixing’ and ‘Bending’: The Recontextualisation of Discourses of Sustainability in Integrated Reporting. Paper presented at the 26th CSEAR UK Conference 25—27 August 2015, Royal Holloway, University of London.

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## **FORMULAIC LANGUAGE RESEARCH NETWORK (FLARN ) 2016 CONFERENCE**

**28—30 June 2016, Vilnius, Lithuania**

The seventh FLARN Conference will be hosted on 28—30 June 2016 by the Department of English Philology and the Faculty of Philology of Vilnius University. The Conference has developed out of the Formulaic Language Research Network (FLARN) whose purpose is to co-ordinate research in the field of formulaic language, to share ideas and resources, and to create a sense of community among researchers who are not necessarily in geographical proximity. The network has been the focal point for postgraduate conferences in Cardiff 2004, Twickenham 2005 and Nottingham 2008 and three full conferences for researchers at all stages of their academic career in Paderborn (Germany) in 2010, Tilburg (Netherlands) in 2012 and Swansea (UK) in 2014. The 2016

FLaRN Conference in Vilnius will be a full conference open to both novice and mature researchers. To learn more about FLaRN, please visit its website: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/encap/research/networks/flarn](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/encap/research/networks/flarn) **Venue:**

Vilnius University was established in 1579 and is one of the oldest universities in Eastern Europe (<http://www.vu.lt/en/>). It is a major tourist attraction in Vilnius and its campus features several university faculties. The conference will take place in the Faculty of Philology located at the very heart of the Old Town of Vilnius.

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#### **Plenary speakers:**

- ◆ Dr Magali Paquot, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)  
<http://www.uclouvain.be/magali.paquot>
- ◆ Professor Rūta Petrauskaitė, Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas (Lithuania)  
<http://rutapetrauskaite.vdu.lt/en>
- ◆ Professor Alison Wray, University of Cardiff (UK)  
<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/encap/contactsandpeople/profiles/wray-alison.html>

#### **Submissions**

Abstract submissions for 20-minute full presentations (+10 minutes for questions) and for poster presentations (format A0) are invited on any aspect of formulaicity in language and literature. This includes research on any type of formulaic expressions (collocations, clichés, idioms, lexical bundles, multi-word chunks, proverbs, recurrent sequences, etc.) in any theoretical framework and area of linguistics, e.g. comparative and contrastive research, corpus linguistics, language acquisition and teaching, translation etc., and literature. All abstracts should be written in English and submitted by email to [flarn2016@gmail.com](mailto:flarn2016@gmail.com) with the subject “Submission”. The authors should indicate in their email whether they wish to be considered for a paper or poster presentation, or both. The deadline for submissions is **1 February 2016**.

Format: Maximum 300 words (excluding references) in MS Word, Times New Roman, 1 line spacing, size 12. Name and save the document as follows: `surname_name_FLaRN2016.doc`, e.g. ‘juknevičienė\_rita\_FLaRN2016.doc’.

- ◆ Please provide your details: name(s), title/position, affiliation, contact information.

**Conference fees:** Early bird fee: 90 EUR Regular fee: 100 EUR

#### **Important dates:**

- ◆ Deadline for the submission of abstracts: **1 February 2016**
- ◆ Notification of abstract acceptance/rejection: **8 March 2016**
- ◆ Deadline for early bird registration and payment: **18 April 2016**
- ◆ Deadline for registration and payment: **9 May 2016**

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## **THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND MIND**

**Hunan University, Changsha, China  
1st–4th June 2016**

The 7th international conference on language, culture and mind will be held at Hunan University, Changsha, China, 1<sup>st</sup>–4<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The Language, Culture and Mind conference series provides an international and interdisciplinary forum for the integration of biological, cognitive, social and cultural perspectives in theoretical and empirical studies of language and communication.

The keynote theme for LCM 7 will be:

### **Signs of Life: Cultural contact — change and continuity in language, thought and identity**

There will be two round table subthemes:

1. Diversity, endangerment, revitalization of cultures and languages.
2. Intercultural and transcultural dynamics.

(Contact: LCM\_VII@126.COM)

### **Keynote Speakers:**

Linda Martín **Alcoff** Hunter College and the CUNY Graduate Center, City University of New York

<http://www.alcoff.com>

Naran **Bilik** Institute of Anthropological and Ethnological Studies, Fudan University, China

<http://ice.ssdpp.fudan.edu.cn/naran-bilik>

Colette **Grinevald** Laboratoire Dynamique du Langage, Université Lyon 2, France

<http://www.ddl.ish-lyon.cnrs.fr/Annuaire/Index.asp?Langue=FR&Page=Colette%20GRINEVALD>

Erik **Mueggler** Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, USA

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~mueggler>

Natasha **Tassell-Matamua** Department of Psychology, Massey University, New Zealand

<http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/expertise/profile.cfm?stref=830930>

### **Young Researchers' Workshop**

30<sup>th</sup>—31<sup>st</sup> May, 2016

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