

3rd INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM on Figurative Thought and Language

April 26-28, 2017

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

University of Osijek, Croatia

The three-day symposium aims to continue as a forum for the discussion of links between figurative thought and language started at previous events in Thessaloniki (2014) and Pavia (2015). Cognitive linguistics was at the time of its inception all about conceptual metaphors, and also about metonymies and image schemas. As a result of the rapid development and diversification of cognitive linguistics, new topics and methodologies emerged, gradually pushing conceptual metaphors and metonymies out of the centre stage. However, vigorous research into how conceptual metaphors and metonymies interact and motivate grammatical structures that we have recently witnessed justifies its coming back into the limelight.

We invite contributions from various theoretical and applied perspectives (e.g. cognitive linguistics, cognitive science, neuroscience and the philosophy of the mind), and methodologies (e.g., experimental protocols, cross-linguistic comparison, synchronic and diachronic analyses, translation, corpus studies). Suggested topics include (but are not restricted to) the impact of figuration on levels of linguistic analysis (morphology, lexis, semantics, pragmatics), on areas of grammar, on various types of discourse (e.g., the discourse of economics, law, medicine, philosophy, politics, psychology and psychotherapy), as well as figurative multimodality and the relationship between language and emotions, language and humour, irony, sarcasm, euphemism, etc.

The Symposium will bestow the **FTL Young Researchers' Award (FTL-YRA)** upon three deserving young researchers, who must be doctoral candidates or doctoral graduates within the five years prior to January 1, 2017. The presentation must be an original unpublished investigation dealing with figuration. The Young Researcher Award Committee will select three presentations based on scientific quality, innovation, significance of the contribution to the field, and clarity. The best presentations will receive certificates of recognition and a gift from John Benjamins.

The symposium will also feature a round table on the state of research in figurative language.

The working language of the symposium is English. Submissions on languages other than English are encouraged. Abstracts should not exceed 500 words including figures and references. They should also list up to five keywords.

Please, send your abstract as a .doc file to ftl3.osijek@gmail.com no later than November 1, 2016.

More info at <http://www.ffos.unios.hr/anglistics/FTL3/en/index.html>

Plenary Speakers:

Charles Forceville (University of Amsterdam)

Raymond W. Gibbs Jr (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Zoltán Kövecses (ELTE, Budapest)

Jeannette Littlemore (University of Birmingham)

Marija Omazić (University of Osijek)

Klaus-Uwe Panther (University of Hamburg) & Linda L. Thornburg (Kendal)

Francisco Ruiz de Mendoza (University of La Rioja, Logroño)

Kristina Štrkalj Despot (Institute of Croatian Language and Linguistics, Zagreb)

Milena Žic Fuchs (University of Zagreb)

Round Table Convenors

Angeliki Athanasiadou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Annalisa Baicchi (University of Pavia)

Günter Radden (University of Hamburg)

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Important dates:

Abstract submission:

June 15 – **November 20, 2016**

Extended!

Abstract rating:

November 20 – December 15, 2016

Acceptance notification:

December 15, 2016 – January 1, 2017