

9TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INTERCULTURAL, COGNITIVE AND SOCIAL PRAGMATICS

(EPICS IX)

*“COMMUNICATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY:
INTERCULTURAL, COGNITIVE AND SOCIAL PRAGMATICS”*

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
PABLO DE OLAVIDE UNIVERSITY, SEVILLE

6-8 MAY 2020

Dear colleagues,

The research group “Intercultural Pragmatic Studies (English-Spanish): Pragmatic and Discourse Issues” is pleased to announce the upcoming *Ninth International Symposium on Intercultural, Cognitive and Social Pragmatics* (EPICS IX, after the Spanish acronym for “Encuentros de Pragmática Intercultural, Cognitiva y Social”). EPICS IX will be held on 6th-8th May 2020, at the Faculty of Humanities of Pablo de Olavide University, Seville (Spain).

Previous EPICS conferences have addressed issues pertaining to intercultural pragmatics, (im)politeness in interpersonal communication, interlanguage pragmatics, recent developments in relevance theory, language aggression and conflict, pragmatics in mediated communication, instruction of pragmatics through new technologies, or communication, culture and cognition. EPICS IX will be dedicated to analysing and discussing possible (new) interactions between intercultural, cognitive and social approaches in pragmatics with a view to looking into communication in the 21st century. In line with this, the conference theme will be

“Communication in the 21st Century: Intercultural, Cognitive and Social Pragmatics”

EPICS IX seeks to provide a forum for practitioners of pragmatics and other related disciplines to present on their latest research from social, cognitive or intercultural perspectives, as well as to suggest new avenues for research and share experiences. EPICS IX also wishes to create awareness among graduate students of the interest in pragmatics within the broad field of linguistics.

We are very honoured that the following scholars have agreed to be EPICS IX keynote speakers:

- **Patricia Bou Franch**, University of Valencia.
- **Marina Terkourafi**, University of Leiden.
- **Jef Verschueren**, University of Antwerp.

1. PRESENTATION TYPES

We welcome original papers, written in English, on any of the subjects that fall under the conference topics listed below or on any related topic. Presentations may be made of any of the following types:

A) INDIVIDUAL ORAL PRESENTATIONS

These must be **20** minutes in length, followed by **10** minutes for questions and discussion.

B) THEMED PANELS

These must contain a number of thematically-related papers, each of which must be 20 minutes in length, followed by 10 minutes for questions and discussion. Proposals for panels should also include a chair.

C) POSTERS

Participants presenting a poster must obey the following norms:

- Posters should be no larger than 118,9 x 84,1 cm (A0).
- They may be printed in colour or in black and white.
- Poster presenters must bring a printed copy of their poster with them to the conference. Note that there will not be printing facilities at the conference venue. Presenters will also be responsible for displaying the poster and removing it at the time and in the place designated by the conference organisers.

2. TOPICS

Topics for presentations may be, but are not limited to, the following:

- New or recent interactions between different frameworks or approaches in pragmatics.
- Sociocultural and cognitive factors affecting production and comprehension of language/discourse in face-to-face or mediated (by telephone, computer, etc.) communication in a variety of genres (included social networks like Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and settings (classroom, parliaments, service encounters, etc.).
- Impact of culture and context on pragmatic processes in comprehension.
- New developments, interactions or challenges in pragmatic analyses of:
 - Morphology, lexicon, syntax and/or prosody.
 - Procedural meaning.
 - Types of discourse (professional, academic, political, religious, humorous, etc.).
 - (Im)Politeness and relational work in diverse settings and communication modes.
 - Language aggression and conflict.
 - Expression and processing of emotions.
 - Projection and understanding of identity.
 - Figures of speech (irony, metaphor, hyperbole, etc.).
 - Interlanguage pragmatic development.
 - Translation and interpreting.
 - Online vs. offline communication and discourse.
- Experimental testing.
- Instructional pragmatics and methodological proposals for pragmatics teaching.

3. SUBMISSIONS

Proposals must be sent as email attachments to the following email addresses: epics@upo.es and mpadillacruz@us.es

Please make sure that your submission includes the following information:

A) ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

- A Word/pdf file containing an anonymised **one-page abstract** no longer than **350** words. Please name this file “Abstract_Surname”.
- A Word/pdf file, named “Data_Surname”, containing the following information:
 - Author’s/Authors’ name(s) and affiliation(s)
 - Title of paper
 - Topic(s) addressed (from among those in the list of topics above)
 - Up to five keywords
 - Audio-visual equipment required (computer, video, etc.)
 - E-mail address(es)
 - Postal address(es)
 - If the paper or poster cannot be presented on a particular day of the conference.

B) THEMED PANELS

In addition to the two files containing the abstract and the information alluded to above for each presentation, panel proposals must also include a **one-page abstract** no longer than **350** words for the whole panel.

4. DATES

Deadline for receipt of abstracts is **1st December 2019**. Proposals will be peer-reviewed and notification of acceptance will be sent by 15th January 2020.

5. CONFERENCE FEES

Until January 30th, 2020	From January 30th, onwards
Attendants EUR 125	Attendants EUR 150
Speakers EUR 180	Speakers EUR 210

The fees are for the full conference (6nd-8th May) and include the conference pack, coffee breaks and lunches, but not the conference dinner. Instructions to pay the registration fee will be given upon notification of acceptance. Information about the official conference website will also be included in notifications of acceptance.

We hope you will circulate this call for papers to your colleagues and others in your professional network, and to any discussion groups to which you may subscribe. For more information, feel free to contact us. We hope to welcome you to Seville in May 2020 and thank you for your interest.

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