

## ICMC-2026 CALL FOR PAPERS

ICMC-2026 will take place in a hybrid format at the University of La Rioja (Logroño, Spain) from November 4 to 6, 2026. It is organized by members of the research project "Lexical blending and cognitive modeling: Developing a theory-driven analytical database", funded by the Spanish State Research Agency and the research group Riojan Research Group on Semantics, Syntax and Language Use (Grupo Riojano de Investigación en Semántica, Sintaxis y Uso del Lenguaje, GRISSU) at the University of La Rioja (Logroño, Spain).

The aim of the conference is to bring together scholars working on word-formation, constructional approaches, and figurative meaning, with particular emphasis on how these domains interact in the construction and interpretation of meaning.

### Plenary speakers:

- Alexandra Bagasheva (Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski")
- Bert Cappelle (University of Lille)
- Elisa Mattiello (University of Pisa)
- Carmen Mellado Blanco (University of Santiago de Compostela)

We invite 20-minute (plus 10-minute discussion) presentation proposals on the following topics:

- Lexical semantics and constructional meaning: Interaction between lexical and constructional meaning, including compositionality and coercion.
- Word-formation processes in constructional frames: Derivation, composition, lexical blending, and other morphological mechanisms understood as mini-constructions or constructional schemas.
- Lexical blending and other non-concatenative word-formation processes: Cognitive, semantic and pragmatic constraints, as well as issues of creativity, productivity, and predictability.
- Figurative meaning: The role of metaphor, metonymy, irony, sarcasm, hyperbole and other figures of thought in the configuration of lexical, syntagmatic and discursive constructions.
- Meaning construction in the semantics-pragmatics interface: How context, speakers' intentions, inference and pragmatic enrichment interact with the meaning codified in words and constructions.
- Discourse, use and emergent meaning: Constructional meaning in discourse, use-based change, conventionalization of figurative expressions and the role of discursive patterns in the entrenchment of meaning.
- Cognitive models and scenario-based models of constructional meaning: Frame-based approaches, scenarios and simulations for the analysis of

meaning, including mental spaces, conceptual complexes and inferential patterns.

- Knowledge representation and conceptual organization in language: Frames, schemas, domains, and encyclopedic knowledge as a resource for lexical interpretation, constructional meaning and figurative extensions.
- Methodological approaches to the analysis of meaning: Corpus-based, experimental, introspective and mixed approaches to the study of the construction of meaning in the lexical, constructional, and figurative domains.
- Cross-linguistic and multilingual perspectives on meaning construction. Comparison between languages and language families with special attention to how they interact in word formation, constructions, and figurative language in different languages.

The conference particularly welcomes contributions grounded in cognitively oriented and usage-based approaches to language.

#### Guidelines for submissions

Submissions should be written in English and include the following information:

1. Author's name(s)
2. Affiliation
3. E-mail address
4. Paper title
5. An abstract of up to 500 words, excluding references
6. 3–5 keywords

All submissions must represent original and unpublished work.

A maximum of two proposals per author may be submitted. In such cases, one proposal must be single-authored and the other co-authored.

Email for abstract submission: [icmc2026@unirioja.es](mailto:icmc2026@unirioja.es)

#### Important dates

- Abstract submission deadline: June 30, 2026
- Notification of acceptance: July 25, 2026
- Registration dates to be announced later.