

Final Call for Papers

4th International Conference on Figurative Thought and Language - FTL4

23-26 October 2018

Catholic University of Portugal
Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences - Braga, Portugal

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CALL DEADLINE

31 March 2018

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Kathryn Allan, University College London, UK
John Barnden, University of Birmingham, UK
Geert Brône, University of Leuven, Belgium
Gareth Carrol, University of Birmingham, UK
Dirk Geeraerts, University of Leuven, Belgium
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Solange Vereza, Fluminense Federal University, Brazil
Esme Winter-Froemel, Trier University, Germany
Jordan Zlatev, Lund University, Sweden

AIM AND SCOPE

The 4th International Conference on Figurative Thought and Language (FTL4) aims to continue as a forum for the discussion of links between figurative thought and language started at previous events in Thessaloniki (2014), Pavia (2015) and Osijek (2017). Cognitive linguistics was at the time of its inception all about conceptual metaphors, and also about metonymies, image schemas and blending. 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 center stage. However, vigorous research into how conceptual metaphors and metonymies interact and motivate grammatical structures, discourse types and communication processes 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, psychology, cognitive semiotics, cognitive poetics, cognitive anthropology and philosophy of mind), and methodologies (e.g. corpus studies, experimental techniques, synchronic and diachronic analyses, critical discourse analysis, sociovariational analysis, cross-linguistic and cross-cultural comparison, translation). Suggested topics include (but are not restricted to):

- the impact of figuration on levels of linguistic analysis (morphology, lexis, syntax, semantics, pragmatics)
- the impact of figuration on areas of grammar (grammatical constructions, grammatical categories, parts-of-speech)

- the impact of figuration on various types of discourse: politics, economics, business, media, public sphere, advertising, story-telling, narrative, law, science, medicine, healthcare, illness, education, poetry, sports, religion, etc.
- corpus-based, experimental and multivariate statistical approaches to figuration
- diachronic and sociocultural approaches to figuration; figuration and language change and variation
- figuration from body, culture and society
- figuration and ideology
- figuration and rhetoric, persuasion and manipulation
- figuration, creativity and blending
- figuration and artificial intelligence
- figuration and emotion
- figuration and problem solving in business, politics, education, healthcare, counselling, psychotherapy and conflict situations (war, terrorism, climate change, migration, racism, globalization, populism)
- figuration and cognitive development: figurativeness acquisition, processing and comprehension
- figuration and language teaching and pedagogy
- multimodal figuration: figuration in images, music and gestures
- figurative gestures and figuration in sign languages
- humor, irony, sarcasm
- antithesis, antiphrasis, euphemism, hyperbole, hypallage, simile, synecdoche, synesthesia and other understudied figures or “rhetorical tropes”

The language of the conference is English. Session slots will be allocated 25 minutes, which includes questions and discussion.

SUBMISSION OF ALL ABSTRACTS

Deadline: 31 March 2018. Notification: 30 April 2018

Abstract guidelines:

- The abstract, either in a .pdf or a .doc(x) format, should be sent to the following address: ftl4@braga.ucp.pt
- Abstracts should not exceed 500 words (including examples, and excluding figures and references), and should include 5 keywords and state research questions, approach, method, data and (expected) results.
- All abstracts will be reviewed anonymously by three referees of the Scientific Committee.
- Please do not mention the author’s name, institution or address in the abstract.
- The subject header of your email should include: FTL4 - name/s.
- Please include the following information in the main body of your email: (1) name of author/s, (2) affiliation, (3) title of the presentation, (4) email address, (5) postal address.

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