

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline: 30th July

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THE POWER OF DISCOURSE AND THE DISCOURSE OF POWER

The concept of discourse as the exercise of power has always been present in the various Discourse Studies theories. Developed by some of the most outstanding authors in the area and with a central status in the critical discourse theories, this notion was fundamental for the creation of schools, such as the so-called 'French School of Discourse Analysis', Critical Linguistics, Critical Discourse Analysis, amongst others. It is also a remarkably interdisciplinary field of enquiry that establishes connections with various Social Sciences, such as Language Sciences, Sociology, Philosophy, Psychology, just to name a few. Having as focus the analysis of discourse as 'the exercise of power', that is, the negative aspect of power as domination, studies tend to give less importance to discourse as 'a means of empowerment', an opposing positive side of counterbalance of power among social agents.

The 6th Annual International Conference of Discourse Analysis (JADIS VI) and the 2nd International Congress of Discourse Studies (CIED II), in a historical moment characterized by political, economic and social convulsion on both sides of the Atlantic, which put the important relations between language and power back on the agenda, intend to create a space for reflection on the discourses of power in the forms they have in society, conceiving discourse as an enabler of both change and construction of alternative models for social practice.

This space of reflection also aims to look at the discourses of power not only in the traditional institutional contexts (politics, law, police), but also in all situations of vertical asymmetry, such as classrooms, between teacher and student; certain discourses in the academic context; some discourses in the religious context; and some others within the familial context, to name a few. The discursivization of power relations involves the various levels of grammatical construction, from the global contextual level to the local cotextual level of grammatical structures, being thus inseparable of the non-verbal component of communication. These and other aspects will be under scrutiny during this scientific summit.

The central topic of the meeting is therefore comprehensive and transdisciplinary, favoring the dialogue among different discourse theories, among different areas of the Language Sciences and among different disciplines of the Social Sciences, namely the Studies of Communication and Political Science.

The discursive power relations are a relevant topic in the contemporary debate, regardless of the geographical or cultural context from which the reflection departs. It is equally transversal to the various types of historical analysis, being useful for the comprehension of contemporary and past discourses, from a synchronic, comparative or diachronic perspective.

Participation conditions

Plenary sessions with invited speakers.

Parallel sessions: to be formed by speakers selected by means of abstract submission. Papers will be allocated 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for questions.

Thematic panels: thematic panel proposals should include 4 or 5 speakers (one of them being the coordinator) and a topic related to the theme of the

Congress. The coordinator of the panel will be responsible for submitting a theme proposal, the panel abstract, the identification of the participants and the abstract of each talk.

(see instructions for submission of abstracts below).

Posters: poster presentations are also allowed in the Congress.

Proposals should include the following information:

Title; Name of the author(s); Affiliation; contact information (telephone number and e-mails address); Abstract (maximum 300 words); Participation mode.

Submission deadline: July 30th

Deadline for acceptance notice: August 15th

Proposals may be written in Portuguese, English, Spanish or French and must be sent to the following e-mail addresses: jadis@letras.up.pt and cied@usp.br. A volume with a selection of the papers presented in the Congress is planned.

THEMATIC PANEL

Political discourse: presidential discourses under analysis

Having "Political Discourse" been, from the genesis of Discourse Analysis, one of the main research topics, the thematic panel "Political discourse: Presidential discourses under analysis" aims at reflecting on the presidential discourses by encouraging researchers to present papers that examine the mechanisms of construction and organization of presidential discourses, either focusing on one president or comparing presidential traditions, with the objective of identifying the discursive modes of exercising institutional power, in an organ of sovereignty which manifests itself mostly through words.

By privileging a linguistic approach to discourses, but also in a comprehensive framework in which interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspectives are accepted, this panel proposes the following issues as possible topics:

- political presidential discourses and (new forms of) social communication
- presidential discourse and democracy construction
- political systems and presidential discourses
- discourse genres and presidential discourses
- the evolution of presidential discourses
- the characteristics of each discourse genre (i.e. its discursive organization)
- the construction of discursive objects (main topics)
- the enunciative organization of discourses, focusing on:
 - discursive voices (authority voices etc.)
 - world representations (doxas, founding thoughts)
 - the personas of discourse participants
 - modalization (mitigation/intensification)
 - the construction of argumentations within discourses
 - the discursivization of emotions

(see participation conditions above)