



The 22nd European Systemic Functional Linguistics
Conference and Workshop

9-12 July, 2010

University of Primorska, Koper, Slovenia

Theme

COMPLEXITIES OF MEANING IN TEXT

"The important thing about the nature of the text is that, although when we write it down it looks as though it is made of words and sentences, it is really made of meanings" (Halliday, 1989)

Halliday's semantically driven model of language description provides an excellent tool for examining meanings at the level beyond the clause and is rich enough to account for various meaning relations in discourse. However, many of the knotty problems of meaning making emerge clearly only when one is trying to put the concepts into production.

Plenary speakers:

James Martin (University of Sydney)
Christopher Taylor (University of Trieste)
Eija Ventola (University of Helsinki)

Call for Papers

We strongly encourage paper submissions to ESFLCW10 to address the theme of 'complexities of meaning in text' in reference to one of the following:

- Systemic Functional Linguistic theory
- Appraisal theory
- Coherence and cohesion
- Genre and intertextuality
- Multimodal texts - multimodality
- Critical discourse analysis
- Human language production and/or understanding
- Computational linguistics
- The practical analysis of the clause, text/discourse.

Submissions

Papers: We invite submission of abstracts of papers for presentation at the conference. Papers directly relevant to the conference theme will be preferred but we would also like to encourage submissions which link SFL with related linguistic theories where meaning also plays an important role (for example, other functional approaches, psycholinguistics, cognitive linguistics, etc.).

Papers focussing on other core concepts in SFL will also be accepted. Research on languages other than English is strongly encouraged. We also welcome submissions

representing work in progress.

Presentations will be 20 minutes long plus 10 minutes for questions.

Workshops: We will be able to hold a small number of 1.5 hour workshops.

Workshops will need to be directly relevant to the theme.

A workshop may be, for example, a practical session, centred on carrying out the analysis of a text, either previously seen or not, the presentation of a challenging topic, followed by one or more discussants, or it could be a linked series of papers on a topic, and so on.

Please send a description of the workshop.

For each submission, please provide:

- For each author: name, title, affiliation
- Title of paper
- Abstract (not more than 250 words).
- The strand or strands appropriate for your submission (if 'other', please specify)
- State whether the submission is for a paper or workshop presentation.

Please send abstracts by email to: e-mail: esflcw2010@pef.upr.si

Closing date is extended to: 15th February 2010

Notification of acceptance by: 31st March 2010

CONFERENCE FEE: Early bird registration (till 15th April 2010): 180 EUR, late registration 200 EUR

Conference website: <http://jt.upr.si/esflcw2010>