



International Conference for Young Researchers in Linguistics

Discourse(s) in Linguistics: Units and Levels of Analysis

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Submission Deadline: Friday October 10th 2014



Call for Papers

The doctoral students in Linguistics of the laboratories at Toulouse University, France:

CLLE-ERSS (Équipe de Recherche en Syntaxe et Sémantique)
IRIT (Institut de Recherche en Informatique de Toulouse)
OCTOGONE-Lordat (Centre Interdisciplinaire des Sciences du Langage et de la Cognition)

are organizing the 5th edition of **JéTou** (Journées d'études Toulousaines), an international conference aiming at gathering Master students, doctoral students and young researchers (who have defended their dissertation within the past three years) together, from the different disciplines of Linguistics, on an open and multidisciplinary theme.

This 2015 edition will be devoted to a reflection on the following theme: "Discourse(s) in Linguistics: Units and Levels of Analysis".

The term *discourse*, understood in its broadest sense as a multimodal language production (oral, written, verbal, gestural) is at the heart of Linguistics. Both in production and reception, investigation methods have led to analysis levels with variable granularities, where overlapping units maintain relationships with strong interdependence. Therefore, discourse depends on both the object and the meaning given to it.

Common issues are: planning, segmentation, organization, modeling. A valuable reflection involving different fields arises from these challenges; more than ever, an interdisciplinary practice is necessary to further the various aspects of discourse.

Research in these fields has taken different forms. Besides, the gap between theoretical models and empirical studies based on real data has been significantly reduced in the last few years. Qualitative as well as quantitative, these works have raised new questions: choice of units, collection and annotation of corpora, evaluation procedures, comparison and interpretation of results, etc.

This edition will focus mainly on levels of analysis and units in discourse. Possible topics include:

- Phonetics and Phonology: availability and authenticity of oral corpora, phonetic and phonological features of discourse (monolingual or bilingual) in perception and production.
- Syntax, Semantics and Pragmatics: macrosyntax, dynamic

semantics, argumentation, speech acts, organizational frameworks, cohesion, coherence.

- Terminology and Text Linguistics: genres of discourse, variations, corpus construction, termino-ontological networks.
- Sociolinguistics: genre diversity, code-switching, code-mixing, dialectal variations.
- Psycholinguistics and Neurolinguistics: pathological speech, bilingual speech, planning, organizing, processing, development and cognitive aging.
- Acquisition and Learning of Languages: mutual contributions between the study of discourse and learning L1 and L2, interference.
- Natural Language Processing: parsing rhetoric, synthesis and speech recognition, information extraction, importance of discourse in local use (morpho-syntactic tagging, named entity recognition).

Obviously, this list does not include all the research possibilities following from the theme of the conference, which is why every submission that addresses the notions of discourse in Linguistics will be read and reviewed. Proposals which include theoretical reflections and actual data will be particularly appreciated.

JéTou 2015 offers a challenging theme that every field of Linguistics can adapt for themselves. This conference will give the opportunity, to those who wish to come, to ask questions, discuss and compare their work, their methods, their reflections in an interdisciplinary context, which favours positive interactions and constructive debates.

Guest Speakers:

- **Nicholas Asher**, IRIT, Université Paul Sabatier (Toulouse, France)
- **Anne-Catherine Simon**, Valibel, Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)

Submission Guidelines:

Articles must be written in French or English.

Submissions must not exceed 3 pages for an oral presentation as well as for a scientific poster (references included). These three pages (in Times New Roman 12 pt) must include a title, a summary and up to 5 keywords. You can indicate by email your preference for an oral presentation (20 min + 10 min for questions) or for a scientific poster, but the final decision on the format of the presentation will be made by the organization committee alone.

Papers should be submitted via the EasyChair conference system: http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=jtou2015

The conference proceedings will be published and given to the participants (5 pages for a scientific poster and 10 pages for an oral presentation).

Selection Criteria

Each submission will be reviewed by at least two experts in the relevant field. The following elements will be considered:

- The importance and originality of the contribution.
- The validity of the scientific and technical content.
- The critical discussion of the results, especially when compared to existing work in the field.
- The adequacy with the conference themes.
- The organization and clarity of writing.

Schedule

Deadline for submission of summaries: Friday October 10th 2014, **Notification of acceptance:** Friday November 21st 2014, **Submission deadline for long papers:** Friday January 16th 2015, **Submission deadline for final versions:** Friday April 10th 2015,

Conference: Thursday May 28th and Friday May 29th 2015 at Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès (Mirail campus).

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