

Call for papers
Discourse, Knowledge and Practice in Society
DiscourseNet 19 Conference

University of Bucharest,
Central University Library of Bucharest
Bucharest, Romania

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Keynote Speaker: Isabela Fairclough (University of Central Lancashire)

Distinguished Guest: Norman Fairclough (University of Lancaster)

BACKGROUND

Discourse Studies comprise a growing body of research which focuses on meaning making as a key activity in society: from a discourse perspective, social phenomena are meaningful phenomena. While discourse researchers insist on the role of ‘language’ (i.e. verbal and nonverbal signs) for the social production of meaning, they commonly point out the social, political, historical contexts in which it is used. Discourse Studies have dealt with objects as diverse as public controversies and classroom interactions, the social web, bodily gestures and urban landscapes. In these studies, discourse is never seen as a pure linguistic activity. Rather, it is intertwined with what people know and with what they do in society. Discourse, in other words, raises the question how language is related to knowledges and practices in society.

While some researchers have put emphasis on the knowledge dimension of discourse by asking how knowledge is produced, circulated and established in society, others have conceptualized discourse as a practice which performs social functions. DiscourseNet 19 welcomes contributions which analyse discourses in their epistemic and pragmatic entanglements. The participants come from all branches of the social sciences and humanities and bring their various theoretical and methodological orientations into a productive exchange. The presentations will deal with empirical discursive objects in a theoretical way and engage in a critical reflection of the nexus of language, knowledge and practice in contemporary society. They can be either in English or in French.

Topics of presentation may include but are not limited to:

- Literary and artistic discourses;
- Media and social media discourses;
- Professional, academic and educational discourses;
- Public, institutional and political discourses

They can draw from qualitative as well as quantitative methodologies such as:

- Argumentation Ethnography
- Semiotics
- Conversation analysis Corpus analysis
- Grounded Theory
- Semi-structured interviews etc.

Conference languages: The official language of the conference is English but we also welcome presentations in French. Please contact us by mail if you would like to present in French language.

Abstracts submission: Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted by December 15, 2016 on the conference website:

<http://www.discourseanalysis.net/wiki.php?wiki=DN19::DN19>

Please contact us by e-mail if you would like to propose a panel for the conference

Registration fees for the conference: Early bird fee will apply until 30 April 2017 - 25 euro for unfunded full time Ph.D. students and researchers without affiliation and 50 euro for researchers with institutional affiliation.

Late registration - 50 euros for unfunded full time Ph.D. students and researchers without affiliation and 75 euros researchers with institutional affiliation.

Important details:

CALENDAR

Deadline for submitting paper proposals: 15/12/2016

Announcement of accepted papers: 01/02/2017

Registration deadline: 30/04/2017

ORGANIZATION TEAM:

For questions please send a mail to the organization team at discoursenet19@gmail.com

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