



Call for Papers

Languaging Diversity and Identity in Digital Environments
3–5 December 2025

Languaging Diversity is an international biennial conference of the I-Land Inter-university Research Centre (<https://i-land-researchcentre.eu>). The conference invites scholars from a wide range of disciplines, such as Linguistics, Social Sciences, and the Humanities. At the core of the event is an exploration of identity and diversity through multicultural, multilingual, and multidisciplinary perspectives. Following the success of eight previous editions held at the Universities of Naples (2013), Catania (2014), Macerata (2016), Cagliari (2017), Antwerp (2018), Teruel (2019), Lille (2021), and Turin (2023), the **ninth** edition of Languaging Diversity (LD2025) will be hosted by the University of Chieti-Pescara, Italy.

We invite scholars, researchers, and practitioners to submit their abstracts for the upcoming Conference dedicated to *Languaging Diversity and Identity in Digital Environments*, which will seek to explore how language, literature, and culture intersect in digital spaces.

Focus and Topics

Digital environments have become crucial environments where linguistic diversity and cultural identities are negotiated, reshaped, and performed. This conference intends to examine how language use, literary expressions, and cultural practices contribute to identity formation, social belonging, and exclusion online. We particularly encourage contributions that address the role of social media, digital platforms, and audiovisual translation (AVT) in mediating these processes.

The event will be held **in person only**.



Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Multilingualism and translanguaging in digital discourse
- Digital vernaculars and emerging linguistic practices
- Code-switching, slang, and online identity construction
- The impact of AVT on cultural representation in social media content
- Professional and non-professional AVT practices in online platforms
- Memes, GIFs, and the role of translation in digital culture
- Accessibility and inclusion in AVT for online audiences
- Literary representations of online identities
- Digital storytelling and multilingual narratives
- Fanfiction, social media poetry, and participatory literature
- Diversity and inclusion in digital media
- Language technology and techno-linguistic biases
- Translanguaging and identity formation in digital spaces

We welcome both theoretical and empirical approaches, as well as interdisciplinary perspectives.

Submissions

Individual and Panel Presentations

Individual Presentations

Each individual paper presentation will last 20 minutes, followed by a 10-minute Q&A session. Abstracts must be **between 300 and 600 words**, excluding references.

To submit your proposal, please send an e-mail to: **linguagingdiversity2025@unich.it**

Panel Presentations

Proposals for panels on specific topics are encouraged. The panel organizer(s) must submit an abstract of up to 500 words through the form below, providing a brief overview of the panel's theme along with a list of contributors, their respective paper titles, and abstracts. Panels can consist of 4 to 8 participants.

Submission Guidelines

- Deadline for submission: 15th July 2025
 - Abstracts should be between 300–600 words (excluding references) and written in English
 - Please submit your manuscript as a Word document (DOCX) or PDF
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Contacts

Please send your inquiries to:

 languageanddiversity2025@unich.it

Deadlines

- ~~15th July 2025~~ **EXTENDED 30th July 2025**: Deadline for abstract submission
 - **10th August 2025**: Notification of acceptance
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Registration

- **15th August 2025**: Opening of early-bird registration
 - **30th September 2025**: Deadline for early-bird registration
 - **12th October 2025**: Deadline for regular registration
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Registration Fees

Early-bird fee (by 30th September 2025):

- Professors and Lecturers (RtD-A; RtD-B; RTT): €220
- Young Scholars (PhD students and post-doctoral researchers, assegnisti, borsisti): €170

Regular fee (by 12th October 2025):

- Professors and Lecturers (RtD-A; RtD-B; RTT): €260
- Young Scholars (PhD students and post-doctoral researchers, assegnisti, borsisti): €220

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