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Call for Proposals. *First Circular*

We are delighted to announce ***Linguistica Coseriana X****:* the Tenth Anniversary Edition of the International Conference inspired by Eugenio Coseriu's work. Celebrating the thought of Eugenio Coseriu, one of the greatest minds of the twentieth century and creator of the *Integral Linguistics* paradigm of thought, this international trans-disciplinary and multilingual scientific event is an opportunity for scholars exploring various aspects of language from linguistic and trans-linguistic perspectives to present their projects and open a dialogue between different fields of knowledge (general linguistics and text linguistics, theoretical philosophy and philosophy of language, social sciences, AI, translation studies, teaching of languages, semiotics, aesthetics, etc.).

In line with an already established tradition, shaped by the previous events in the series (Aix-en-Provence 2007, Cluj-Napoca 2009, Almería 2011, Udine 2013, Potsdam 2015, Lima 2017, Cadiz 2020, Zurich 2021, and Cluj-Napoca 2025), the primary aim of the current edition is the promotion and the active enhancement of Eugenio Coseriu's scientific legacy. At the same time, marking twenty years since the first edition (2007), twenty-five years since Coseriu passed away, and seventy years since the completion of his major work, *Sincronía, diacronía e historia* [1957], this anniversary edition of *Linguistica Coseriana* aims to mark a turning point. We invite contributions on topics not fully or effectively addressed by Coseriu, such as gender linguistics, the link between language and ideology, art and aesthetics, AI, sustainability, and economy. We also welcome papers on the relevance of language, plurilingualism, and multilingualism for leading contemporary processes like European integration and globalization. Ultimately, our goal is to develop these areas stemming from Coseriu's intuitions, while inviting a dialogue with complementary models of language and encouraging critical thought.

The theme of the current edition, *Linguistica Coseriana X,* is ***Trans-linguistics: The Language We Live By.***

In his quest to provide a thorough model of understanding for language, Coseriu goes beyond reductionist approaches. He pioneered a vision of language that seeks to explain its complexity as an activity deeply intertwined with human life, the language that defines us through the historical forms of the language we inhabit. As Coseriu himself put it, "the historicity of man coincides with the historicity of language". And even more so, "language is, at the same time, the first foundation and the first way of manifestation of *intersubjectivity*, of *being with another*, which coincides with the *historical being* of man". In other words, "[t]he human consciousness is always a *historical consciousness*, and the fundamental way of manifesting of the historical consciousness in man is the 'language [a language]', *speaking like others*, that is, *as it was already spoken*, in accordance with the tradition" (*Sincronía, diacronía e historia*. 1978[1957]: III, § 1.2.).

Language is also the main condition of knowledge. Coseriu explicitly supported a postulate shared by influential philosophers and linguists, such as Vico, Husserl, Cassirer, Humboldt, and Hjelmslev: "a postulate according to which the theory of language is prior to all others", since all sciences, regardless of their specificity, deal with a linguistic content (linguistically expressed); hence, the centrality of linguistics among the sciences of man and the need to see all the questions of culture and man from the perspective of language, which is conceived as both a "cultural product" and the "very condition of culture" (*Forma y sustancia en los sonidos del lenguaje* . 1954: V, § 2.). It follows that "[t]he relationship between science and language is, therefore, a relationship of something secondary and conditioned with something primary and conditioning. [...] What is not possible without language is science, the episteme [...]; science has its basis and its starting point in language" ("L'uomo e il suo linguaggio" 1997[1966/68]: 20–21).

While fully acknowledging the essential role of language in human life and the centrality of linguistics among sciences, we see *Integral Linguistics* as an *open-ended paradigm.* We therefore invite proposals that may expand linguistics/language studies in four ways:

1. **inquiries into areas that transcend 'traditional' linguistics**, from sociolinguistics and psycholinguistics to neurolinguistics; from textual linguistics to pragmatics; from the philosophy of language to semiotics and logic; from aesthetics to poetics, including topics such as the genetics of language waves, discursive traditions, gender linguistics, semantic change, artificial intelligence, and ideolinguistics, or the connection between language and ideology, as proposed by Kabatek;
2. **a dialogue with other thinking paradigms, areas of knowledge, trans-disciplinary studies:** to re-assert the unity of knowledge and transcend fragmentation;
3. **contributions highlighting the essentiality of language for teaching/education/research/translation:** teaching of languages, the foundation and dissemination of knowledge, conceptualisation, terminology, translation;
4. **reflections on how language is employed in contemporary discourse and society:** plurilingualism and multilingualism, political discourse, public debate, sustainability, arts, social media, etc.

NOTE: Possible topics may include those listed above but are by no means limited to them.

The conference aims to provide a framework for scholars to reflect on ways of freeing language use and knowledge about language from limiting structures and narrow perspectives. The event seeks to create an ideal environment in which scholars from diverse backgrounds and with a keen interest in language and historical languages can engage with the ideas of Coseriu and other thinkers, as well as with the views of the participants themselves, to foster intellectual debate and to advance knowledge.

Practical aspects

- ☞ We welcome submissions from scholars at any stage, from leading experts to early-career researchers. Proposals should present original research. We encourage authors to bring new, ground-breaking ideas and take 'provocative' stances.
- ☞ Guidelines regarding the number of proposals:
  - **Main contribution** (maximum 1): each participant may submit either **a contribution as sole author or a contribution as first author of a collaborative contribution.** These two options are mutually exclusive.
  - **Second authorships** (no limits): **contributions as second author are permitted without limit,** provided that each of these contributions has a different first author.
- ☞ The conference will be held in person, on the CEA Abroad's premises in Florence, Italy, from May 5th through May 7th, 2027. Each presentation will be assigned 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for discussion.
- ☞ The working languages of the conference are English, Spanish, Italian, French, Romanian, and German. Abstracts of 400-500 words, 5 keywords, selected references (5-10), and a short bio-note of max. 200-300 words should be submitted in the language intended for the presentation.
- ☞ We are considering publishing a selection of the contributions in a peer-reviewed volume; alternative publication options (such as thematic issues of relevant journals) are also under consideration.

Confirmed plenary speakers

Keynote Speakers:

- ★ Donatella di Cesare, Università di Roma La Sapienza (Italy)
- ★ Johannes Kabatek, Universität Zürich (Switzerland)
- ★ Clemilton Lopes Pinheiro, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN) (Brazil)

Invited Speaker (Accademia della Crusca):

- ★ Edgar Radtke (Accademico Emerito Corrispondente)

Important dates/deadlines:

- **October 31st, 2026:** If interested in attending the conference, please send us an expression of interest via e-mail, comprising the title, the full name(s) of the author(s), and institutional affiliation.
- **November 30th, 2026**: Deadline for submission of proposals by email (title, abstract of 400-500 words and 5 keywords, followed by 5-10 references, and a short bio-note of max. 200-300 words).
  - **Guidelines for abstracts**: Clearly delimit the topic and clarify the aim of your research; show how it connects to the general theme of the conference and how it contributes to advancing knowledge; indicate the methodology and the main results; include references to Coseriu's works.
  - **Guidelines for bio-note**: author's name, affiliation, academic interests/fields of expertise, relevant publications, working languages and e-mail.
  - For proposals, please use the template added at the end of the Call, after the Scientific Committee. You can also find it by following this link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VE6_VlP7f3yMmwd4pMqpmsFAIDRFem65?usp=sharing
- **November 30th, 2026–January 15th, 2027:** Review of abstracts
- **January 31st, 2027:** Notification of acceptance
- **February 1st, 2027:** Registration open
- **March 31st, 2027:** Payment of Conference fee due
- **May 5th-7th, 2027:** The Conference in Florence

Conference email: coseriana.conf.firenze2027@gmail.com

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