



**28-29 April, 2025**

The Department of English Studies at the University of Rzeszów has the pleasure of announcing the fourth edition of the conference **Culture and Cognition in Language: CCL 4**. The conference is aimed at viewing **language** as a both cultural and cognitive phenomenon. This year's leading theme is:

### **Current approaches to discourse analysis**

Intending to stay in touch with challenges and problems of the contemporary world, discourse analysis focuses on how language both shapes and is shaped by social, cultural and cognitive contexts. Thus, linguists involved in discourse studies have been constantly addressing current social issues, such as, the censorship of offensive metaphors<sup>1</sup>, anti-immigrant attitudes among politicians<sup>2</sup>, figurative conceptualisation of emotions accompanying death of a child<sup>3</sup> or metaphorical scenarios in conspiracy theories<sup>4</sup>. Given this, we would like to suggest submissions concerning the analysis of discourses on issues relevant to the contemporary society, e.g.

- Power and ideology
- Manipulation vs persuasion
- Misinformation: fake news and conspiracy theories
- Prejudice and stereotypes
- Inequality
- Crisis and conflict (social, inter- and intra-personal, etc.)
- Identity (social, national, gender, etc.)
- Relationships
- Health and illness
- Natural world

### **Confirmed keynote speakers:**

**Prof. Raymond Gibbs (University of California)**

**Prof. Christopher Hart (Lancaster University)**

**Prof. Jeannette Littlemore (University of Birmingham)**

**Prof. Andreas Musolff (University of East Anglia)**

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<sup>1</sup> Gibbs, R. (2023) Should offensive metaphors be censored? *Metaphor and the Social World* 14 (1): 154-162.

<sup>2</sup> Hart, C. and Winter, B. (2022) Gesture and legitimation in the anti-immigration discourse of Nigel Farage. *Discourse & Society* 33 (1): 34-55.

<sup>3</sup> Turner, S., Littlemore, J., Parr, E., Taylor, J. & Topping, A. (2023). 'Lights in the darkness', Part 2: characterising effective communication with healthcare practitioners following the death of a child. *Mortality* 28 (4): 627-644.

<sup>4</sup> Musolff, A. (2024) War metaphors and conspiracy theories. In *Metaphor in Socio-Political Contexts: Current Crises*, edited by M. Romano. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Mouton, 159-176.

We invite academics specialising in a variety of linguistic fields, both synchronic and diachronic, and contributions in the following research areas will be especially welcome:

- cognitive linguistics
- cultural linguistics
- semantics
- sociolinguistics
- pragmatics
- psycholinguistics
- contact linguistics
- semiotics
- multimodality
- media studies
- philosophy of language
- rhetoric

While we will especially appreciate presentations aligned with the theme of the conference, and proposed topics, we are open to papers on all topics discussing language from the cultural and cognitive perspective.

We invite proposal submissions for 20-minute presentations. Abstracts of a maximum 300 words (excluding references) should be submitted in .docx format **by November 30th, 2024** via conference e-mail: [ccl@ur.edu.pl](mailto:ccl@ur.edu.pl). Notification of acceptance will be sent **by January 15, 2025**.

**Conference fees** (covering accommodation, refreshments, dinner, lunch, conference pack):

- **300 EUR** (1350 PLN) for regular speakers
- **250 EUR** (1100 PLN) for PhD students

**CCL 4 website:** <http://ur.edu.pl/ccl>

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Hotel **SkalnySpa** in Polańczyk (<https://skalnyspa.pl/>)