Call for audience

Online workshop
Language Thought and Society: an exploration of identities through Cognitive (Socio)Linguistics

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An issue that has been of extreme interest and has gained momentum the last decades is the exploration of identities in the anthropological (Vargas-Cetina, 2013) and sociolinguistic paradigm (Edwards, 2009; Omoniyi & White 2006). Individuals have challenged the idea of identity, and from being characterized by one identity are now bearers and creators of different identities. Identity is viewed as a dynamic trait of an individual, shaped and expressed through language interactions (Deckert & Vickers, 2011), it ¨is locally situated; who we are is, at least partially, a product of where we are and who we are with¨ (Schiffrin, 1996: 198).

This online workshop aims to intersect sociolinguistic research on identities with the Cognitive (Socio)Linguistic (CL) view to language. In terms of cognitive linguistics, the workshop aims to investigate how metaphor, metonymy and other less represented figures in CL research are reflected, or contribute to the creation of a person's or a group's identity/ies in different social, economic, political etc., contexts. Apart from figurative language, other areas of interest for exploration in their interaction with identities are Cognitive Grammar, image schemas, frame semantics, construction grammar, (Geeraerts, 2006: 2) and political discourse (Lakoff, 2004; Musolff et al., 2022).

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