

Call for Papers - Online Workshop

Prepositions in Thought and Language

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Thessaloniki Cognitive Linguistics Research Group

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Following the success of the annual autumn online workshops, *TCLR Group* is organizing an online workshop on the seminal role of *Prepositions in Thought and Language*.

This online workshop aims to explore and extend the discussion regarding the pervasive role of prepositions in thought and language. More specifically, prepositions will be treated within the framework of Cognitive Linguistics, in terms of subjectivity and subjectification, reference and vantage point, figurativity, embodiment, cognitive grammar, construction grammar, schematicity, among other issues. Prepositions play a central role in a variety of communicative situations, taking into consideration all levels of language and discourse in any given language.

In particular, contributions are welcome on topics including, but not limited to:

- Prepositions in thought and language in synchrony or diachrony
- Prepositions in figurative thought and language; how prepositions contribute to producing or enhancing figurative mechanisms such as metaphor, metonymy, irony, ... (*in love, under pressure*)
- Prepositions in abstract domains or frames of experience (motion, time, cause, reason, or e-motions, ...)
- Prepositions in cliché expressions (*par excellence, per se, de facto, κατ' εξοχήν, κατά περίπτωση*)
- Complex, compound, clusters of prepositions (*within, without, upon, dedans, from under, down under, με δίχως, overcook, underperform, αποδυναμώνω*)
- Prepositions and narrative space; how an author, a narrator, or a character can use prepositions in language and discourse, in order to create a certain perspective (proximal or distant) or to denote a shift in perspective
- Prepositions that create and sustain confining or open spaces concerning e.g. migrants, minorities, communities, ...

Working language of the workshop: English

Participation and attendance are free of charge.

Presentations will be no longer than 15 min. Abstracts (no more than 300 words, excluding bibliography) should be submitted in PDF format. Let us know if you would be interested in participating, sending your abstracts by **June 30th**, both to Pantazis Stougianas (pstougi@auth.gr) and Evangelos Tsigaridas (tsigevan@lit.auth.gr).

Please indicate in the email subject line: *Abstract – Online Workshop on Prepositions*.

Notifications of acceptance will be announced by the **end of July 2026**.

For further information or any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the organizers, Pantazis Stougianas and Evangelos Tsigaridas, at the email addresses listed above.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!