First Tunisian International Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference and Workshop

SFL: Applications and Implications

26-28 March 2015 – Hammamet, Tunisia

Plenary Speakers

Christian Matthiessen (Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

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Jacques François (Université de Caen, France)

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Since its advent in the 1960s, Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL) has tried to "provide something to think with, a framework of related concepts that can be drawn on in many different contexts where there are problems that turn out to be, when investigated, essentially problems of language" Halliday (2009: viii). In fact, SFL has attracted the attention of scholars in a wide range of domains who have used it as a theoretical resource to analyze various types of texts, describe a significant number of languages and offer theoretical explications of how language, as well as other semiotic systems, work. The continual progress and evolution of SFL as a fully developed linguistic theory has made of it more than just an efficient analytic tool as it has gained the power to contribute to the development of many domains, ranging from those which are theory oriented such as Cognitive Linguistics, Discourse Analysis, Computational Linguistics, to those which are quite practical where problems have to be solved, such as Language Learning and Teaching and Clinical Applications, to cite a few.

Thanks to this functional orientation and this "daring to develop appliable linguistics when application was a sign of theoretical impurity" (Matthiessen, 2014), SFL has raised theoretical debates with other formally/ structurally-oriented accounts/ theories of language. This dialogical interaction with other theories can be seen not only as sign of complementarity, as it is "unlikely that any one account of language will be appropriate for all purposes" (Halliday, 1994), but also as evidence for this complex phenomenon that has intrigued linguists and philosophers since the ancient Greek times: LANGUAGE.

Upon this rests the theme of the conference with the aim of bringing together researchers from different fields to contribute to the debate on the SFL Applications (appliability of SFL analytic framework to other disciplines) and Implications (theoretical interaction with other theories).

The conference welcomes multidisciplinary researches and perspectives on the implications and applications of SFL in connection with, but not limited to, the following topics:

SFL and Language Learning/ Teaching

SFL and the Description of Languages

SFL and (Critical) Discourse Analysis

SFL and Computational Linguistics

SFL and the Teaching of Literature

SFL and other Language Theories

SFL and Language Development

SFL and Language Impairment

SFL and Multimodality and Multimodal Literacy

SFL and Translation Studies

SFL and Forensic Linguistics

SFL and Corpus Linguistics

SFL and Literary Criticism

SFL and Appraisal Theory

SFL and Culture Studies

SFL and Sociolinguistics

SFL and Genre Theory

SFL and ESP/ EAP

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts (250 words maximum, Word format) should be sent to **syflatunisia@gmail.com**

Abstracts should include the following:

▎ Title of the proposed paper

▎ Name of author(s)

▎ Institutional affiliation

▎ Current position/academic title

▎ Email address

▎ At least 5 key words that best describe the subject area of your submission

The working languages of the conference:

Abstracts may be submitted in French and English. If accepted, abstracts will be published in the Book of Abstracts.

Deadline for submission: 30 November 2014

Notification of acceptance: 10 December 2014

If accepted, conference participants should prepare presentations lasting no more than 20 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions.

The programme committee looks forward to reading your proposals!

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