



Seconda Università degli Studi di Napoli

Facoltà di Giurisprudenza



CALL FOR PAPERS

2nd International Conference
Law, Language and Professional Practice
Dates: 10-12 May 2012

Conference Venue:

Faculty of Law – University of Naples 2
Santa Maria Capua Vetere – Caserta - Italy

Organised by:

English Language Chair
Faculty of Law – University of Naples 2
Conference Chair: Girolamo Tessuto

The English Language Chair of the Law Faculty of the Seconda Università degli Studi di Napoli is pleased to announce its 2nd International Conference on Law, Language and Professional Practice. Drawing on some of the issues and discussions about the relationship between Law and Language in the first conference (17-19 June 2010), this second conference takes the theme forward by bringing into focus the third perspective of ‘professional practice’, which is particularly relevant to our increasingly globalised world today.

The conference aims to bring together scholars from applied linguistics and law as well as other disciplinary backgrounds to discuss the ways in which the issues of Law and Language play themselves out in professional practice in the legislative, (extra)-judicial, and educational spheres, by mutually complementing each other in discursive and professional genres and practices in a rapidly changing world of professions. Such issues may also tackle other professional practices of communication where law and language are involved to a greater or lesser extent. For the academy, for example, the relationship between Law and Language provides room for researchers to focus on language training for legal and other professionals, and similarly provides others with a site in which to investigate university courses and programmes requiring an understanding of law and legal practice while still focusing on language. Although the main focus is on such a relationship in ‘professional’ contexts, the conference does indeed also welcome scholars to address a more general view of Law and Language, as in ‘social practice’, taking on broader social issues of communicative practices, and other theme areas that scholars may encounter in their linguistic and legal research.

We therefore invite proposals for papers and posters from different analytical perspectives to address theoretical and applied issues of law and language in professional practice, including, but not necessarily limited to, any of the following broad theme areas in English and other European and non-European languages, cultures and systems:

1. Law and language in legislative, judicial and Alternative Dispute Resolution practices, including miscarriages of (extra)-judicial practices
2. Law and language in other social and disciplinary practices
3. Cross-disciplinary studies (with specific focus on law and language) of the construction, analysis and/or interpretation of issues of race, gender and identity in contemporary law
4. Discourse and genre-based studies, including ethnographic or corpus-based analyses, of legal discourse in the media or corporate world
5. Issues of power and politics in language and law
6. Language, law and communication in socio-political and economic contexts
7. Law and language bridging the gap between the academy and the workplace, including interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary education in native/non-native contexts and electronic media resources
8. The question of professional identity in law and language in educational and professional practices
9. Legal translation and interpreting
10. Forensic linguistics
11. Plain language in law
12. Multimodal and other non-linear alternatives to the construction of legal discourse

Keynote speakers

The following keynote speakers have accepted the invitation to speak in the plenary sessions:

- Prof Vijay K. BHATIA, Department of English, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, President, Asia-Pacific LSP and Professional Communication Association, and Principal Investigator of RGC Project on *International Arbitration Practice: A Discourse Analytical Study*
- Prof Derek ROEBUCK, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, the editor of *Arbitration*, and former Professor of Comparative Law and Dean of the Faculty of Law at the City University of Hong Kong.
- The Rt. Hon. The Lord FRASER Q.C., House of Lords, London

Conference Scientific Committee

- Prof Vijay Bhatia (City University of Hong Kong)
- Prof Giuliana Garzone (Political Science Faculty, University of Milan)
- Prof Rita Salvi (Economics Faculty, University of Rome La Sapienza)
- Prof Girolamo Tessuto (Law Faculty, University of Naples 2)
- Prof Christopher Williams (Law Faculty, University of Foggia)

Conference Organizing Committee

Girolamo Tessuto
Stephen J. Spedding
(English Language Chair – Law Faculty)

Meeting & Words
(Conference Administrator)

Schedule

The Conference will start the morning of 10th May and close at lunchtime on 12th May 2012.

Venue

The conference will take place at the Aulario, a recently-opened Teaching and Conference Facility shared by the Faculties of Law and Humanities of the Seconda Università degli Studi di Napoli, and located in Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Caserta.

Equipment

The conference rooms in the Conference Facility are equipped with OHP, microphone and video projector for Powerpoint (Windows) presentations. In addition to Powerpoint presentations, speakers should bring as many photocopied handouts as they think appropriate. Photocopying facilities are not available. Speakers and other conference participants will have access to dedicated computing and Internet facilities through the University Language Centre (open on the Conference days) in the Conference Facility.

Presentation: guidelines

Individual and joint papers will be allotted 20 minutes, plus 5-10 minutes each for discussion at the end of the part-session.

Language of presentation: English

Abstract Submission: Papers and Posters

Contributors are invited to send an anonymous abstract of their proposed paper or poster in MS Word (12pt) of not more than 300 words (excluding references) by no later than 31 October 2011 to the following address:

LLPP2012@unina2.it

Posters should be 841mm x 1189mm in portrait orientation.

► Contributors should **specify** in the abstract one of the twelve **analytical areas** (e.g. 1, 2) into which their papers fall.

► Contributors should also send a **separate cover sheet** with the following information:

Title (academic/professional):

Author(s):

Affiliation(s):

Address:

E-mail:

Telephone number:

We plan for publication of selected papers and posters, details of which will be announced at the conference.

Important dates and Registration

Abstract submission	by 31 October 2011	
Notification of acceptance	by 30 November 2011	
Early registration	by 15 April 2012	Euro 120 + 20% VAT = 144 Euro
Standard registration	by 5 May 2012	Euro 150 + 20% VAT = 180 Euro
Late registration	from 6 May 2012 onwards	Euro 180 + 20% VAT = 216 Euro

Registration fees **include**:

- conference folder, including Book of Abstracts and Certificate of Attendance
- coffee breaks and buffet lunches
- shuttle service from pick-up point near hotels to conference venue
- internet facilities

Registration fees **do not include** the following optional activities:

- social dinner: Euro 50
- guided tour (to be specified later): Euro 15

Accompanying persons pay Euro 78 (includes coffee breaks and buffet lunch, social dinner, guided tour)

Undergraduate students pay Euro 60 (includes conference folder, coffee breaks, buffet lunch)

Method of payment: bank draft to the following Conference Administrator:

MEETING & WORDS s.a.s

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Reason for payment: **“LLPP2012 conference”**

How to contact us

Please use the Conference address: LLPP2012@unina2.it

There will be a conference website where all details, including the Programme, List of Participants, Book of Abstracts, Map, Accommodation and Travel information will be announced.