



## Sevilla 2018: 8th International Symposium on Intercultural, Cognitive and Social Pragmatics

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EPICS VIII seeks to provide a forum for practitioners of pragmatics and other related disciplines to present on their latest research from social, cognitive or intercultural perspectives, as well as to suggest new avenues for research and share experiences. EPICS VIII also wishes to create awareness among graduate students of the interest in pragmatics within the broad field of linguistics.

We are very honoured that the following scholars have agreed to be EPICS VIII keynote speakers:

- Penelope Brown, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics.
- Maria Sifianou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.
- Dan Sperber, Institut Jean Nicod, CNRS & Central European University.

### Topics

EPICS VIII focuses on the influence of culture, context and/or cognition on both production and comprehension of discourse. Accordingly, topics for presentations may include, but are not exclusively limited to, the following:

- (Socio)Cultural and cognitive factors affecting production and comprehension of language/discourse in face-to-face or mediated (by telephone, computer, etc.) communication in a variety of genres (included social networks like Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and settings (classroom, parliaments, service encounters, etc.)
- Culture, context and pragmatic processes in comprehension
- Culture, context and morphology, lexicon, syntax and/or prosody
- Culture, context and figures of speech (irony, metaphor, hyperbole, etc.)
- Culture, context and types of discourse (professional, academic, political, religious, humorous, etc.)
- (Socio)Cultural and cognitive factors determining the expression and processing of emotions in communication
- (Socio)Cultural and cognitive factors affecting the projection and understanding of identity
- Believing, culture and epistemic vigilance

- (Socio)Cultural and cognitive factors intervening in (im)politeness and relational work in a diverse settings and communication modes
- (Socio)Cultural and cognitive factors in language aggression and conflict
- Online vs. offline communication and discourse
- (Socio)Cultural and cognitive factors in face-to-face or mediated service encounters
- (Socio)Cultural and cognitive factors in evaluations of service encounters and customer satisfaction
- Cultural and cognitive factors affecting translation and interpreting
- Experimental testing

### **Submissions**

Proposals must be sent as email attachment to the following email address: [epics@upo.es](mailto:epics@upo.es)

### **Dates**

Deadline for receipt of abstracts **has been extended to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**. Proposals will be peer-reviewed and notification of acceptance will be sent by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The organising committee will plan the programme as soon as it has selected the successful abstracts, so please indicate on the abstracts if you cannot present on any day of the conference (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May), as it is very difficult to reschedule papers after the programme has been planned.