

History of Cognitive Linguistics

Annual Conference of the *Société d'Histoire et d'Epistémologie des Sciences du Langage*
(SHESL & the HTL Group)

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The 2009 annual meeting of the SHESL* (*Société d'Histoire et d'Epistémologie des Sciences du Langage*) will be dedicated to the history and epistemology of Cognitive Linguistics. The conference is co-organized by the CNRS Research Group on the History of Linguistic Theories (HTL Group, UMR 7597 – University of Paris VII).

The expression “*Cognitive Linguistics*” designates theories which base their analysis of linguistic structure on meaning and on general-purpose cognitive processes, and which identify meaning with mental representations and operations.

The conference aims to advance the understanding of the historical development of cognitive linguistics and of its relation to other theories. It also seeks to provide a forum for expounding and critically examining the theoretical notions and descriptive tools which have been elaborated or adopted by Cognitive Linguistics, and which are characteristic of the way it envisages language.

The following keynote speakers have confirmed their participation:

Dirk Geeraerts (K.U. Leuven)

Mathieu Valette (ATILF, Université de Nancy)

Pieter Seuren (Inst. Max Planck, Nimègue)

Klaas Willems (Universiteit Gent)

Proposals are invited for papers which might consider one or more of the following themes (the list is not exhaustive):

- Grammaire Générale (e.g. Beauzée's ideas)
- Psychologizing theories of the meaning / form relation
- Cognitive Linguistics in the French tradition (e.g. Bréal, Guillaume)
- Contemporary history of Cognitive Linguistics (Pottier, Culioli, Fillmore, Talmy, Lakoff, Langacker...) – the second “cognitive revolution”
- History of the “cognitive turn” (in the 60s-70s) – its consequences for linguistic theories
- Structuralism and Cognitive Linguistics
- The relation of Cognitive Linguistics to formal / generative theories of language
- The relation of Cognitive Linguistics to functional linguistics
- Descriptive tools and theoretical concepts of Cognitive Linguistics

Abstracts of 300 - 400 words (in French or English) should be submitted by e-mail, preferably in MS Word format, both to fortis.jean-michel@neuf.fr and stijn.verleyen@kuleuven-kortrijk.be by **15 July 2008**.

Abstracts should include (in this order): name and affiliation, e-mail address, title of paper, abstract (if possible on one side of an A4 in a typeface no smaller than 10). Please also indicate the following additional information: scheduling restrictions or other special requests for your presentation; audiovisual needs; need for written letter of acceptance (or indicate if an acceptance by e-mail is sufficient).

Abstracts are refereed by the conference committee (notification of acceptance: **15 October 2008**).

The Conference languages are French and English.

There is no registration fee. All speakers will be reimbursed for travel expenses and accommodation costs. Booking of accommodation in the conference hotels will be arranged by the local organizers.

* **SHESL** was founded in Paris in 1978, and purports to be an international centre for meetings and exchanges of ideas among researchers whose work touches on the HISTORY and EPISTEMOLOGY of the language sciences. SHESL is the editor of the international peer-reviewed journal *Histoire Epistémologie Langage*.