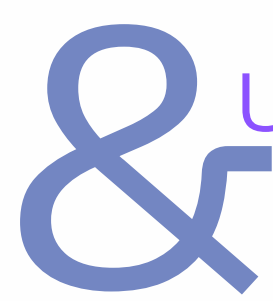




CALL FOR PAPERS

7TH GENERAL ILLA CONFERENCE

LANGUAGE AND LAW IN AN AGE OF UNCERTAINTY AND TRANSITION



THE 5TH ILLA FOCUS ON FORENSIC LINGUISTICS

2-5 SEPTEMBER 2025

VYTAUTAS
MAGNUS
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KAUNAS,
LITHUANIA

Plenaries will be in-person as well as streamed and recorded, to be made available for one year on the conference webpage. **Panels** will be in-person events.

Within this thematic focus, we welcome papers that address a variety of questions, including:

- What uncertainties have emerged about language and law?
- What vulnerabilities does the age of uncertainty and transition bring in?
- Which approaches from the past are most relevant, how do they need to be modified, and what new perspectives need to be developed?
- Considering the existing level of uncertainty, how should we deal with our desperate need for certainty: how is it addressed in law practices?
- What remains stable? Are there any stable genres, conventions, and language forms?
- How have technological developments affected the emergence of new genres and sub-genres and their fluidity? What ethical and legal dilemmas have arisen?

The conference encourages discussion of the plurality of theories, methods, and approaches, such as corpus linguistics, discourse analysis, and pragmatics.

The 7th ILLA General Conference focuses on the uncertainties of the 21st century, which greatly impact different areas in present-day societies, including linguistic behaviours and law practices. This conference invites scholars, legal practitioners, policymakers, and other professionals from different areas to share their research on language and law by relating it to the context of transition and uncertainty, addressing such issues as:



- changing modes of communication,
- austerity,
- migration,
- growing digital divides,
- new technologies undermining traditional routines,
- AI,
- issues of (mis)trust and democratic confidence,
- the COVID-19 pandemic,
- environmental catastrophe,
- the right-wing populism that challenges international agreements,
- globalisation,
- etc.

**WE INVITE
TWO TYPES OF
CONTRIBUTIONS:**

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Individual
papers for
thematic
areas

Individual
papers should
address issues
within one of the
following thematic areas:

Historical (Socio)linguistics and Legal Documentation

Coordinator: Paolo Greco (University of Naples Federico II)

Linguistic Meaning in Legal Interpretation

Coordinators: Cleo Condoravdi (Stanford University),
Brandon Riley Waldon (Stanford University), Dieter Stein (Heinrich-Heine-Universität)

Language and Power in the Courtroom

Coordinators: Magdalena Szczyrbak (Jagiellonian University),
Jacqueline Visconti (University of Genoa)

Media and Multimodal Texts Communicating Legal Knowledge

Coordinator: Jan Engberg (Aarhus University)

Language of Prejudice, Discrimination and Violence

Coordinator: Victoria Guillén-Nieto (University of Alicante)

European Legal Culture and Multilingualism

Coordinator: Anne Lise Kjær (University of Copenhagen)

Philosophy of Law

Coordinators: Tomasz Gizbert-Studnicki (Jagellonian University);
Adam Dyrda (Jagellonian University); Paweł Banas (Warsaw University)

Approaches to Legal Argumentation and Interpretation

Coordinators: Prof. Stanisław Goźdz-Roszkowski (University of Lodz),
prof. Iwona Witczak-Plisiecka (University of Lodz)

Extremist Narratives and Cybercrime

Coordinators: Julien Longhi (CY Cergy Paris université),
Ana Yara Postigo Fuentes (Heinrich-Heine-Universität)

Law, Language and Politics

Coordinator: Frances Olsen (UCLA)

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Proposals for
conference
panels on key
issues related to
the general
theme

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Auksė Balčytienė

Vytautas Magnus University

*Resisting uncertainty:
Laying the ground for
dialogue in the times of
digital expressionism*

Eleonora Esposito

University of Navarra

*Combating Technology-
Facilitated Gender-Based
Violence: Why Knowing is
Half the Battle*

Christoph Hafner

City University of Hong Kong

*Preliminary topic area: AI,
language and law*

Rodney Jones

Reading University

*Preliminary topic area: AI,
language and law*

Ralf Poscher

*Max Planck Institute for the Study
of Crime, Security and Law*

*A talk with a focus on an
analytical reconstruction of legal
hermeneutics, paying tribute to
Professor Lawrence Solan*

Rosanna Sornicola

University of Naples Federico II

*Language and Law in the Crisis
of the Roman World. The Case
of Langobard Italy*

IMPORTANT DATES

- 15 September 2024 – Call for papers
- 15 November 2024 – 2nd Call for papers
- 1 February 2025 – Deadline for submission of abstracts
- 1 March 2025 – Notification of acceptance/rejection
- 15 August 2025 – End of registration
- Early bird registration deadline: 15 May 2025
- Regular registration deadline: 15 August 2025



REGISTRATION FEES

ACADEMICS AND PROFESSIONALS

Early bird: **by 15 May 2025**
Basic: 200 eur (for ILLA members: 140)
Full: 260 eur (for ILLA members: 200)

Regular: **by 15 August 2025**
Basic: 270 eur (for ILLA members: 210)
Full: 330 eur (for ILLA members: 270)

STUDENTS

Early bird: **by 15 May 2025**
Basic: 100 eur
Full: 130 eur

Regular: **by 15 August 2025**
Basic: 140 eur
Full: 170 eur

The basic fee includes participation in lectures, conference materials, ID badge, coffee breaks and lunches.

The full fee includes participation in lectures, conference materials, ID badge, coffee breaks, lunches, welcome reception, conference dinner and the cultural programme.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

GUIDELINES FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION (for thematic areas)

We invite abstracts for oral presentations (20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of discussion).

Anonymize your abstract: Please do not include any personal information in the abstract file that you upload. There is a separate space within EasyAbs to list author names and affiliations.

Please note that abstracts should deal with research that is clearly in progress (if not yet completed).

Please make sure that your abstract includes the following information:

1. Purpose statement
2. Research problem
3. State of the art
4. Hypotheses or research questions
5. Description of the methods, instruments and tools
6. Summary of the main conclusions or statement about the relevance and potential impact of the piece of research
7. References (up to five)

Title
(14pt
Times New Roman,
bold type)

Text (12pt Times New Roman)

Length: **500 words**

Keywords: up to five keywords
separated by a semicolon

Language: **English**

Please follow **APA style**

Note:

Failure to follow the guidelines may be a reason for abstract rejection.

All abstract submissions should be made through:

https://easyabs.linguistlist.org/conference/ILLA_2025/

Submissions open:

Sept. 15, 2024 - Feb. 1, 2025

Abstracts will go through a blind peer-review process.

Conference Format:

The conference will be an in-person event.

Webpage:

<https://conferences.vdu.lt/etn/general-illa-conference/>

CONFERENCE CHAIR

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PANEL PROPOSALS

In addition to the fixed thematic areas, we invite proposals for conference panels on key issues related to the general theme. Panel proposals should be submitted by the panel chair.

Panel proposals have to contain:

- 1 Title of the panel
- 2 Name of the person(s) who will chair the panel
- 3 A brief outline (min. 250 and max. 500 words) of the theme and purpose of the panel
- 4 Names of the speakers
- 5 Titles and abstracts for each paper

Note: Authors of individual papers of the panel should also submit their abstracts as separate submissions following the general guidelines.