Sound symbolism and onomatopoeia

The workshop aims to discuss various aspects of the relation between onomatopoeias and sound symbolism. It will focus on the following main thematic areas:

(i) The role and the significance of sound symbolism in onomatopoeia. Cross-linguistic comparisons are most welcome.

(ii) Sound symbolism in onomatopoeia at the level of phonesthemes and at the level of generalized sound types (plosives, fricatives,...).

(iii) Universal and language-specific manifestations of sound symbolism in onomatopoeia.

(iv) The compatibility of sound symbolism and the semantic relations of synonymy, polysemy, and homonymy in onomatopoeia.

(v) An onomasiological (sound symbolism from the perspective of conceptual categories) and a semasiological (the meaning represented by individual phonesthemes and generalized types of sounds) approaches to the examination of sound symbolism in onomatopoeia.

Call for Papers (closed):

Abstracts of 300 words max. should be sent to all three workshop convenors by 1 November, 2022.

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