

Societas Linguistica Europaea

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The SLE 2023 conference in Athens

Conference report

The Athens meeting was a huge success: the second largest in SLE history with around 600 participants, who compellingly expressed their satisfaction as to how it went. See the conference report on p. 2.

SLE 2024 - Helsinki

The [call](#) for workshop proposals is out. See the [SLE2024 site](#) and p. 7 below.

Eugenio Coseriu Award and Anna Siewierska Award

Laura Becker won the Coseriu Award with [Articles in the World's Languages](#) (De Gruyter). See p. 5

The winner of the Anna Siewierska Award will be announced later this year. See p. 5

André Martinet Award

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New call for thematic issues

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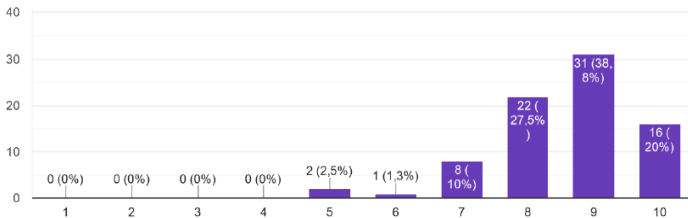
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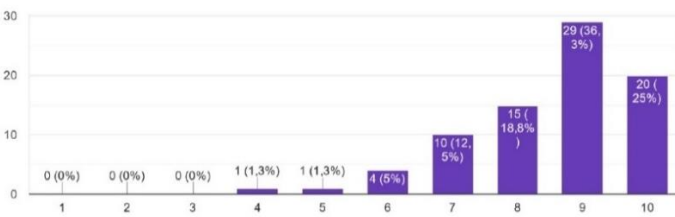
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SLE 2023 conference in Athens: a brief report

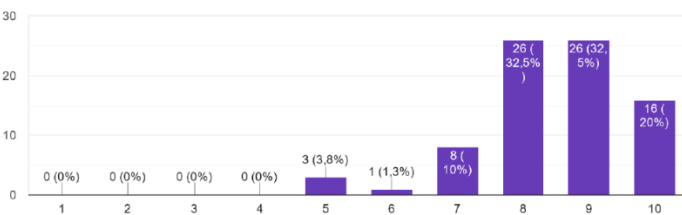
1. Evaluate the general SLE 2023 experience from 1 (minimum score) to 10 (maximum score).
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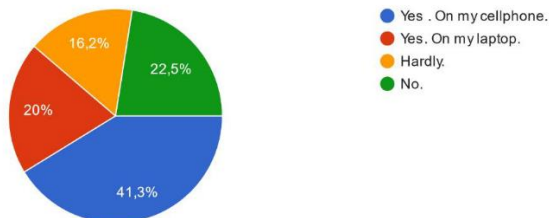
5. Evaluate the evaluation/reviewing process from 1 (minimum score) to (10) maximum score.
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8. Evaluate the SLE 2023 website from 1 (minimum score) to 10 (maximum score).
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10. Did you use the Schedule App?
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The 2023 SLE Annual Meeting in Athens picked up where the previous one had left off in bringing scholars from Europe and elsewhere together to discuss their linguistic research.

The conference unfolded neatly: there was ample choice for meeting new people and exchanging ideas. You can see the conference’s mobile phone app and full schedule [here](#).

According to the feedback we received, the majority of participants (86.3%) evaluated their experience positively, between 8 and 10 on a scale ranging from 1 (min.) to 10 (max.). See the next box below.

Points highly rated by respondents:

- Good organization of the conference.
- Conference pack and registration process.
- Helpful and enthusiastic volunteering students and staff.
- Streaming of sessions.
- Availability of conference busses that allowed participants to reach the conference site from many central points in the city.
- The food and the venue were likewise highly rated – Athens, we will miss you!

A few points to improve:

- Sound quality during plenary talks.
- More space for moving around during the coffee and lunch breaks.
- A less compact schedule.

We will bear these issues in mind for future meetings.

SLE Awards 2023

Best Poster presentation

First prize

Jesse Holmes & Virve-Anneli Vihman

The role of dependency length minimization in the emergence of Differential Object Marking cross-linguistically

Second prize

Lidia Federica Mazzitelli

Varieties of passive in the Lavongai-Nalik languages of Northern New Ireland (Papua New Guinea)

Third prize

Wiebke Petersen

New insights on question formation in colloquial French

Best PhD student paper

First prize

Víctor Royo Viñuales

Hypothetical manner constructions in French and Spanish: Prosody co-signals degree of independence

Second prize

Irene Fally & Pamela Goryczka

It does not always take two: Revisiting overabundance in Italian verb morphology

Third prize

Shahani Singh

Egophoricity and formality in Kathmandu Newār

Best Postdoc paper

First prize

Sandra Auderset

Comprehensive database of sound changes reveals tree-like and wave-like processes in the Mixtec language family

Second prize

Cristian Juárez

Locative relations and valence extension: Multifunctional locative markers in Mocoví (Guaycuruan, Argentina)

Third prize

Kristian Roncero

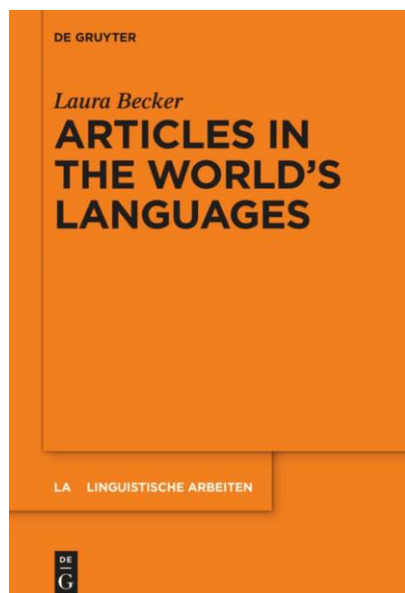
Overabundance at the intersection with diglossia and variation



The 2023 Eugenio Coseriu Award

for an outstanding research monograph by a junior scholar
Eight applications were received, which were evaluated by the Award Committee (Silvia Luraghi (Chair), Gabriele Diewald, Francesco Gardani, Peter Arkadiev, Bridget Drinka, Eitan Grossman).

The 2023 Eugenio Coseriu Award goes to [Laura Becker](#) for her comprehensive study *Articles in the World's Languages* published by De Gruyter in the Linguistische Arbeiten Series. On the basis of a representative convenience sample of 104 languages, Becker offers a fine-grained functionally based classification of articles and article systems in the world's languages and proposes a number of empirically testable universals pertaining to this domain. This classification itself is based upon a refined taxonomy of referential functions of noun phrases, which Becker develops building upon a vast body of literature, both functional-typological and formal-semantic.



The book clearly shows that a nuanced understanding of the semantic and pragmatic functions of nominals in discourse is a necessary prerequisite both for a synchronic typology of article systems and for the development of plausible hypotheses concerning their historical origins. One of the important merits of the book is the attention it pays to cross-linguistically infrequent phenomena, situating them within a broader typological space and attempting to explain their rarity in diachronic terms.

[Link to the book.](#)

The readers of Becker's book will appreciate not only its breadth of cross-linguistic coverage as well as the depth of analysis in numerous language-particular case-studies, but also its clarity of exposition and argumentation, which makes the book on such a multifaceted and complex topic a smooth and enjoyable read. The SLE Book Awards Committee commends Laura Becker for her outstanding scholarship and a major contribution to the fields of linguistic typology, semantics and linguistic theory. We believe that her book will be the definitive reference on articles and related phenomena for years to come.



Anna Siewierska Award 2023 (annual) for the best *FL* or *FoLH* paper.

All articles published in *FL* and *FoLH* in 2022 are eligible.

Award Committee: Olga Fischer, Maria Napoli, Heiko Narrog, Muriel Norde, Arie Verhagen

The announcement of the 2023 Anna Siewierska Award has been delayed.
The winner will be announced in later this year.



André Martinet Award 2024

for an outstanding research monograph by a senior scholar.

Next deadline: 28 February 2024

Eligibility for the André Martinet Award:

- a. Applicants must have been members of SLE for at least two years prior to application. In the case of co-authored books, at least one author must be a member of SLE for at least two years prior to application.
- b. Books must be first published in the period 2020 - 2023.
- d. Collective edited volumes are excluded.
- e. Officers of the SLE committees are excluded.

Criteria:

- Novelty and originality of the contribution
- Depth and breadth of the study, both theoretically and empirically
- Relevance for further research in the field
- Clarity (claims and observations are clearly presented; text is comprehensible to a broad audience)

Applications must be sent to sle@kuleuven.be, accompanied by an electronic copy of the book, a link to the URL of the publication and its ISBN, and a brief CV.

Three types of Research Grants for SLE members



- **Two Junior researcher/early career researcher research grants**
 - **Two doctoral candidate research grants**
 - **One joint initiatives grant**
- More information [here](#)

Maximum funding amount: 2000 EUR per application

Application deadline: 15 December 2023

Next award date: 15 January 2024

Award Committee: five members of the EC and of the Scientific Committee

Application (to be sent to sle@kuleuven.be):

- a document proving the status of the applicant
- a short CV (max. 1 page, Calibri 11)
- a research project proposal including the aims, scope and relevance of the project (max. 2 pages)
- motivation letter that describes how the funding will be used and how it will help advance the project – a budget proposal (max. 1 page, Calibri 11)

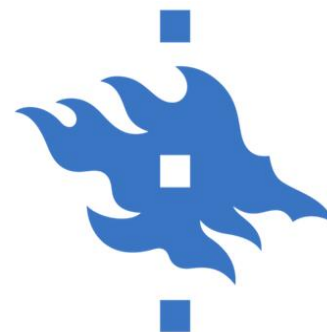
The application will be peer reviewed for scientific merit by the Award Committee members.



SLE 2024 Helsinki

57th Annual SLE Meeting

<https://societaslinguistica.eu/sle2024/>



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SLE 2024

Find the first Call for papers [here](#);

Please have a look at the current workshop proposals on the [LinguistList](#).

The deadline is 20 November 2023.

Presidential address:

Eva Schultze-Berndt (University of Manchester)

Plenary speaker: To be confirmed

Next venues:

SLE 2024: University of Helsinki

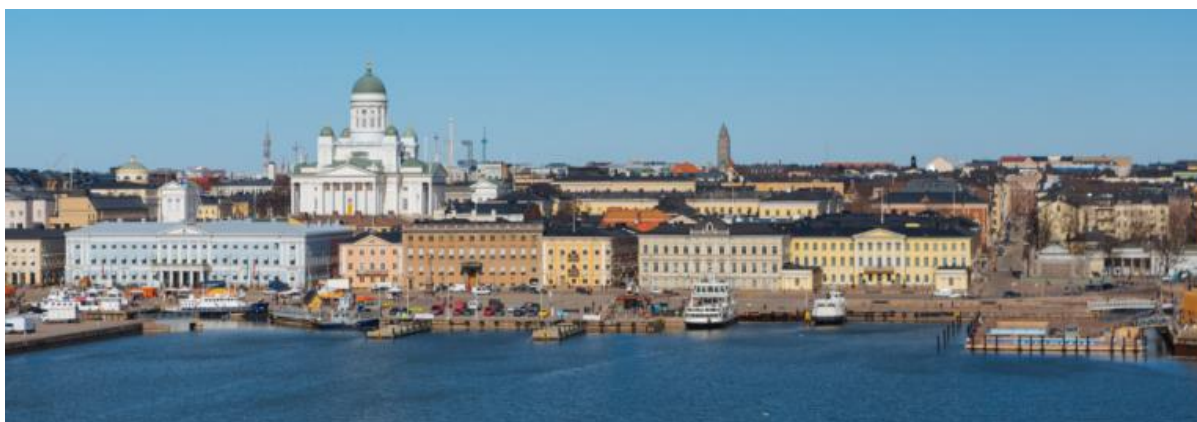
(21 to 24 August 2024)

(Chair: Matti Miestamo)

SLE 2025: University of Bordeaux

(27 to 30 August 2025)

(Chair: Ana Stulic)



Towards an SLE Linguistics in Schools Manifesto

Context. The 2023 conference in Athens included an outreach session organised by 2023 SLE president Arie Verhagen. As a result, a number of future activities are being prepared. One of these is the initiative to deliver a manifesto on the importance of teaching linguistics in the pre-university school systems across Europe.

Rationale. Introducing linguistics in curricula across Europe in the national pre-university school systems can (i) help students deal with any aspect of language and linguistic competence including literacy and orthography, (ii) increase learner independence, (iii) contribute to the development of social awareness, (iv) increase curiosity for a wider range of languages, (v) show students the utility of metalinguistic knowledge in everyday contexts of language use, (vi) support the development of a positive attitude towards the idioms of immigrants, local dialects and ‘patois’, especially in the context of actual intense multilingualism, and (vii) foster intrinsic motivation for language learning.

These benefits have important implications for the development of individual skills and especially of multilingualism, which ultimately enhances cohesion within the EU.

Why an SLE initiative? The *Societas Linguistica Europaea* is the representative body of European linguists. Scattered initiatives (for example, [A manifesto for linguistics in language teaching in the UK context](#)) as well as examples of good practice (for example, [ReGrOC. Revista de Gramática Orientada a las Competencias](#) and the [Asociación GrOC](#) in Spain, the [Taalcanon](#) in the Netherlands) are found across European countries, and it is the role of the SLE to bring them together.

Purpose. This manifesto should serve as an authority document for the national governmental institutions responsible for curricula as well as for the EU Commission bodies such as the European Education and Culture Executive Agency and Education, Youth, Sport and Culture.

The SLE officer responsible for drafting this manifesto is Alexandru Nicolae (Bucharest). **Interested colleagues should contact him (alexandru.nicolae@unibuc.ro) by December 15th 2023 in order to provide input for the first draft of the manifesto by January 1st 2024.**

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Folia Linguistica (Historica)

 <p>DE GRUYTER MOUTON</p>		<p>YOUR ACCESS TO FOLIA LINGUISTICA (HISTORICA)</p> <p>As a member of the Societas Linguistica Europaea you are entitled to complimentary access to the journals <i>Folia Linguistica</i> and <i>Folia Linguistica Historica</i>. You can access them using the following link:</p> <p>https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/flin</p> <p>(members' access passcode: FLIN23)</p>
<p>INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ENTER THE MEMBERS' ACCESS PASSCODE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Access De Gruyter's FL(H) journal webpage. (2) Go to 'Log in' in the right upper corner of the page. Click on the 'Log in' blue button. (3) Unless you have access through your own institution, go to 'Other access methods' and click on 'Login with registered email or passcode'. (4) Enter the passcode: FLIN23 (5) You can now browse the journals and download the papers. 		

NEW CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Folia Linguistica (Historica) Special Issue 2025

Folia Linguistica (Historica) invite proposals for thematic issues reflecting high-quality, innovative research on any linguistic topic covered by either of the journals.

PROPOSALS SHOULD CONTAIN:

- A description of the research topic, including a brief *status quaestionis*;
- The research questions to be addressed;
- A list of prospective contributors + titles of papers + abstracts (300 to 500 words);
- A short account of how the proposed contributions address the research questions/research topic.

Proposals will be assessed by selected members of the editorial boards and by editorial teams of *Folia Linguistica* and *Folia Linguistica Historica*.

Deadline for proposals: 1 – 12 – 2023

Notification: 15 – 01 – 2024

Submissions should be sent to the editors-in-chief, Viviana Masia (viviana.masia@uniroma3.it) and Maria Napoli (maria.napoli_folh@uniupo.it)

SOME FURTHER PARTICULARS:

- Maximum length of a Special Issue: about 250 pages (average word count per page is 350).
- The Special Issue should comprise an introduction by the guest editors.
- Guest editors can be (co-)author of one article.
- Contributions to Special Issues will be subject to the same reviewing procedure as regular submissions, that is, blind peer-review by two reviewers external to the issue. The guest editors are responsible for the selection of peer reviewers.
- The Special Issue will be published in the second half of 2025.
- Proposals may, but need not, come out of SLE workshops.

Ahead of print available on the website / Just accepted

Articles

Patrick Duffley. The scope of the problems with the problem of scope

Yi Li, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, Weiwei Zhang. Beyond dynasties and binary alternations: a diachronic corpus study of four-way variability in Chinese theme-recipient constructions

Nathaniel A. Sims. Vowel harmony in Rma: a diachronic perspective

Marie Molenaers. On the survival of the Spanish absolute construction: a qualitative diachronic study based on a corpus of translations from Latin

Teresa Fanego. Tomorrow I'll go (a) shopping: on the history of the Expeditionary *Go* construction and its relation to the absentive

Luisa Maria Paternicò, Giorgio Francesco Arcodia. A synchronic and diachronic analysis of potential *dāk* 得 in Cantonese

Cem Keskin. Transient subordinate clauses in Balkan Turkic in its shift to Standard Average European subordination. Dialectal and historical evidence

Hanbo Liao. An integrated tone box scheme for determining tones in Thai varieties beyond Southwestern Tai: diachronic and synchronic concerns

Roberto Batisti. Some remarks on *h*-anticipation in Ancient Greek

Ezra la Roi. Down the paths to the past habitual: its historical connections with counterfactual pasts, future in the pasts, iteratives and lexical sources in Ancient Greek

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Articles

Guillaume Jacques. Periodic tense markers in the world's languages and their sources

Elia Dal Corso. On the object-individuation function of the East Sakhalin Ainu impersonal passive

Petr Kocharov. Causatives in Classical Armenian.

Timothy Osborne, Jiaxin Li. Coordination and referential dependencies: a dependency grammar account in terms of predicate-valent structures

Katalin É. Kiss. From narrative past to mirativity and direct evidentiality: the case of Moldavian (Csángó) Hungarian

Ioannis Veloudis. Negation in Modern Greek revisited: selecting between two speaker-based accounts

Margot Van de Heede, Peter Lauwers. Syntactic productivity under the microscope: the lexical and semantic openness of Dutch minimizing constructions

Book reviews

David Lorenz. David Correia Saavedra: *Measurements of grammaticalization: Developing a quantitative index for the study of grammatical change*

Guglielmo Inglese. Carlota de Benito Moreno: *The middle voice and connected constructions in Ibero-Romance: A variationist and dialectal account*

Gonzalo Escribano, Isabel Pérez-Jiménez. Alba Cerrudo, Ángel J. Gallego, Francesc Roca Urgell: *Syntactic geolectal variation: Traditional approaches, current challenges and new tools*

Shengbin Du, Tiaoyuan Mao, Xiangyu Chang. Guglielmo Cinque: *On linearization: Toward a restrictive theory*

Wen Li. Bingjun Yang: *Non-finiteness: A process-relation perspective*

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Florian Wandl. Trapped morphology and the rise of the Slavic definite adjective inflection: a reexamination

Francisca Toro, Verónica Orqueda and Demian Inostroza. Reevaluating the etymology of Latin reflexives

Francesca Dell’Oro. Verbs of motion and intermediate source domains of modality: the understudied case of Italian *occorrere* ‘to be necessary, to be needed’

Roohollah Mifidi, Peter Petré. Aspectual marking from a typologically uncommon origin: a quantitative account of the development of *hamē(w)* in Middle Persian

Shuya Zhang. Rethinking the *-s suffix in Old Chinese: with new evidence from Situ Rgyalrong

Andrew Kostakis, Erin Noelliste. The status of /w/ in Old High German

Yunfan Lai. When internal reconstruction goes further: proposing the vowel system of Pre-Khroskyabs through examining bound state apophony

Fernando O. de Carvalho. A new sound change for Guarani(an): glottal prothesis, internal classification, and the explanation of synchronic irregularities

José Luis Blas-Arroyo. Patterns of individual variation and change in Golden Age Spanish. An Analysis of three linguistic variables in a corpus of private correspondence

Book reviews

Anna Pineda. Jorge Vegal Vilanova: *Past Participle Agreement. A study on the grammaticalization of formal features*

Moragh Gordon. Lilo Moessner: *The history of the present English subjunctive: a corpus-based study of mood and modality*

Pierluigi Cuzzolin. Serenella Baggio and Pietro Taravacci (eds): *Lingue naturali, lingue inventate. Atti della Giornata di Studi (Trento, 29 novembre 2019)*

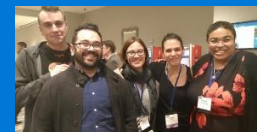
Program review

Todd B. Krause. IE7.com. Reconstructing Greek inscriptions with Ithaca

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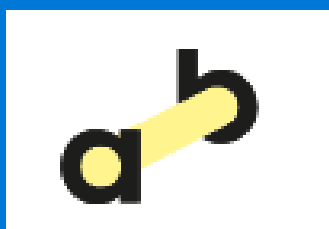


Meetings and linguistic institutes



Calendar of the Séances de la Société de Linguistique de Paris.

More information [here](#).



The 13th International Conference of Abralin, the Brazilian Linguistics Association, will be held from 30 October through 10 November 2023 at the University of Parana, in Curitiba.

More information [here](#).



The annual conference of the Australian Linguistic Society will be held at the University of Sidney, on 29 November – 1 December 2023.

Find out all details [here](#).



Message to the National Linguistic Associations: SLE is keen to make a link to your site.

Please submit your information [here](#).



The 21st Morphology Meeting will take place in Vienna (Austria) between 28 and 30 August 2024.

More information [here](#).

The 21st International Congress of Linguists

The **21st International Congress of Linguists** will be held from 8 to 14 September 2024 in Poznań, Poland.

ICL is organised every five years by the Permanent International Committee of Linguists (CIPL) and a local host. The 2024 Congress will be hosted by Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań. The leitmotif of the Congress is: Languages – Communities – Technologies.

The organizers invite (i) abstracts for Sections and Focus streams, and (ii) Workshop proposals. Workshop proposals should be submitted by **15 October 2023**. The deadline for abstract submission for Sections and Focus streams and for Workshop papers is **8 January 2024**.

For details, please visit the congress website: <https://icl2024poznan.pl/>



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FEEDING THE NEWSLETTER

A working newsletter for and by members can only be successful if there is enough incoming information. Members are invited to submit their announcements of meetings and publications [here](#).

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