

Societas Linguistica Europaea

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2024



The SLE 2024 conference in Helsinki Conference report

The conference in Helsinki was a success. Participants overwhelmingly expressed their satisfaction. Below we present the conference report. See pp. 2-3.

Research grants

The SLE offers research grants. Eligible candidates should be SLE members at the time of applying for the grants. Application deadline is 15 December 2024. See p. 7.

SLE 2025

Preparations for the SLE 2025 conference are on track.

The general call for papers is still open. Deadline: 15 Jan.

ROUND TABLE: “How to do linguistics with AI; how to do AI with linguistics”. See pp. 4-5.

SLE Awards See p. 6.

SLE online lecture & Winter Business meeting See pp. 10-11.

Folia Linguistica (Historica) New issues

SLE is pleased to announce two new issues. See also the Call for a Special Issue. See pp. 8-9.

Minutes of the Annual Members’ Meeting

Download [here](#) from the Members’ Area.

The SLE ‘Linguistics in Schools Manifesto’ See p. 12.

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We have been notified of phishing attempts!

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SLE 2024 conference in Helsinki: a brief report

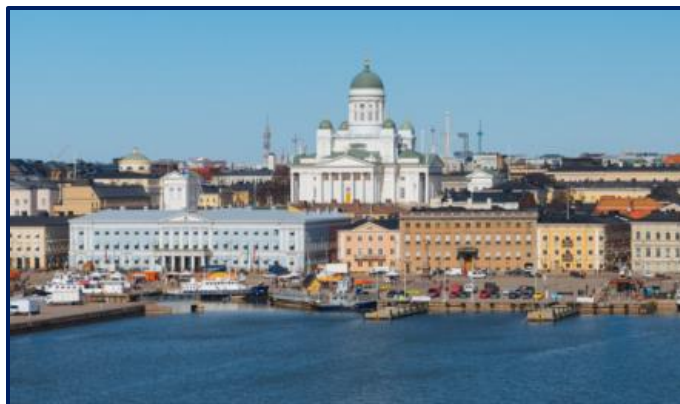
The members' evaluation of 57th SLE 2024 conference in Helsinki was overall very positive. The venue was especially appreciated, and almost everyone said they had met new people. Some telling quotes from the participants:

“Nice variety of workshop and general session topics”

“Generally, this was one of the best conferences I have ever attended: Good organisation, high-quality talks, fruitful discussions, nice social events, and of course nice people.”

“*Embarras de richesse* - there was so much programme that it was difficult to choose.”

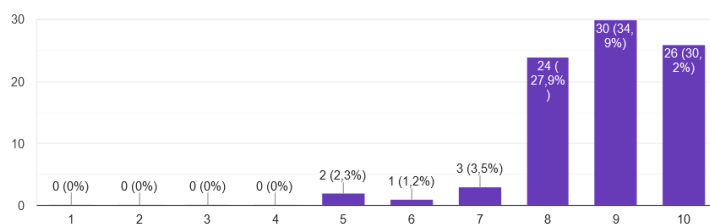
“SLE has always been a wonderful platform to network with fellow linguists. It was my second time in SLE and I enjoyed the conference thoroughly. Hope to participate in future conferences too.”



1. Evaluate the general SLE 2024 experience from 1 (minimum score) to 10 (maximum score).



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Round table on decolonization and linguistics

Kielentutkimuksen valtarakenteita tulee ravistella

Kielentutkimusta tehdään erityisesti globaalissa pohjoisessa, vaikka kielellinen monimuotoisuus on suurinta muualla maailmassa. Kielitieteilijöiden tulisi pohtia tutkimuksensa eettisyyttä ja osallistua kielitieteen dekolonisaatioon eli siirtomaakaudelta periytyvien haitallisten valtarakennelmien purkamiseen.



28.8.2024
Eeva Sippola

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KIELI KULTTUURI

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Tutkijan ääni -tekstit ovat Helsingin yliopiston tutkijoiden kannanottoja ja

The University of Helsinki proudly advertised the SLE Round Table on Decolonization and Linguistics on its [external web pages](#), featuring Maria Mazzoli, Pius Akumbu, and Hanna-Máret Outakoski as panellists and Eeva Sippola as moderator.

Award Winners at the SLE 2024 Conference (Helsinki)

Best Postdoc paper

1. Carmelo Alessandro Basile (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle): [Bridging corpus and survey data: ethnicity and age impact on Singapore English modals.](#)
2. Tara Struik (University of Mannheim): ['Bashfulness is banished': passive constructions as a gateway to state-incorporation in Old French and Middle English contact.](#)
3. Bianca Maria De Paolis (together with Cecilia Andorno and Sandra Benazzo) (University of Turin, Italy and Lab. SFL – University of Paris 8 / CNRS): [Exploring focus-contrast mapping mismatch in Romance languages: a comparative study of cleft structures and contrastive prosodic patterns in Italian and French.](#)

Best PhD student paper

1. Sandra Cronhamn and Anna Hjortdal (together with Franklin da Silva and Mikael Roll) (Lund University): [The predictive function of Baniwa classifiers.](#)
2. Pamela Goryczka and Irene Fally (University of Vienna): [Closing in on overabundance – combining corpus-based and experimental methods.](#)
3. Wesley Kuhron Jones (University of Oregon): [Measuring the consistency of the “irrealis” domain using semantic maps.](#)

Best Poster presentation

1. Eline Daveloose (Ghent University): [Variation in Cappadocian Greek relative clauses: pattern replication and diatopy.](#)
2. Shared second place:
Michał Piosik (Adam Mickiewicz University): [Quotative constructions with *ba* and *så här* in spoken Swedish.](#)
Linlin Sun (Huazhong Agricultural University): [Cross-linguistic differences in pragmatic inference: A comparison of Chinese and German anaphora resolution in discourse comprehension.](#)

SLE 2025 Bordeaux

58th Annual SLE Meeting

<https://societaslinguistica.eu/sle2025/>



SLE 2025:

University of Bordeaux Montaigne

(26 – 29 August 2025; Chair: Ana Stulic)

See the conference's website [here](https://societaslinguistica.eu/sle2025/).

The deadline for all abstracts is 15 January 2025 (the call can be found [here](https://societaslinguistica.eu/sle2025/), and below).

Chair of workshops: Karolina Grzech (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Chair of the general session: Olga Krasnoukhova (University of Liège)

Plenary speakers:

- Livio Gaeta (Università di Torino) Presidential address
- Dagmar Divjak and Petar Milin (University of Birmingham)
- Carmelo Alessandro Basile (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle), winner of the Best Postdoc paper at SLE 2024
- Sandra Cronhamn and Anna Hjortdal (Lund University), winners of the Best PhD paper at SLE 2024

ROUND TABLE: “How to do linguistics with AI; how to do AI with linguistics”

A short description of the round table will be available in advance on the SLE website. We encourage all SLE members to submit their questions, comments, points for discussion prior to the meeting by emailing the conference manager (sle.cm@kuleuven.be).

CALL FOR GENERAL SESSION PAPERS AND POSTERS ABSTRACTS:

Abstracts should clearly state the research questions, approach, method, data and (expected) results. They should not contain the names of the presenters, nor their affiliations or addresses, or any other information that could reveal their authorship. They should not exceed 500 words (including examples, excluding references). Please submit your abstract via Members' Area **by 15th January 2025**. Presentations will last 20 minutes, allowing 5 min. for discussion and 5 min. for speaker and room changes.

At SLE conferences there are **PRIZES** for the following categories (see [Award winners 2024](#)):

- best oral presentation by a PhD student,
- best oral presentation by a postdoc, and
- best poster.

Applicants can mark the option for each of the award categories in EasyChair upon abstract submission.

Next venues:

SLE 2026:

Osnabrück University

(26 – 29 August 2026; Chair: Alexander Bergs)

SLE 2027:

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Please send your expression of interest to sle.cm@kuleuven.be

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News from CIPL

The SLE is a member of CIPL, *Comité International permanent des Linguistes*. Their Autumn newsletter, with interesting travel grant opportunities for participation in a linguistics conference (for PhD students only), can be found on CIPL's website via this [link](#).

Siewierska and Coseriu awards



Anna Siewierska Award 2025 (annual) for the best *FL* or *FoLH* paper.

This award does not require an application. All articles published in *FL* and *FoLH* in 2024 are eligible.

Award Committee: Livio Gaeta (chair), Viviana Masia, Maria Napoli, Gunther Kaltenböck, Nikolaus Ritt



(Source:
<https://coseriu.ch/>)

Eugenio Coseriu Award 2025 (biannual) for an outstanding research monograph by a junior scholar.

Books must be first published in 2021, 2022, 2023, or 2024.

Award Committee: Silvia Luraghi (chair), Karolina Grzech, Anetta Kopecka, Olga Krasnoukhova, Peter Arkadiev, Alina Tigau


Deadline: 28 February 2025 (see [SLE website](#))

Selection criteria for the Eugenio Coseriu Award:

- Novelty (says something that is not part of the published literature)
- Depth and breadth of the study, both theoretically and empirically
 - Relevance for further research in the field
- Clarity (arguments are clearly presented; text is comprehensible to a broad audience)

Award submissions should be sent to this address: sle@kuleuven.be

Research grants

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Two junior researcher/early career researcher research grants– Two doctoral candidate research grants– One joint initiatives grant
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Next Application deadline: 15 December 2024

Notification of the selection: 15 January 2025

Application:

- 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. A written financial report will need to be submitted upon the completion of the grant by the end of the year.

Click [here](#) for more information from the Members' Area and [here](#) for the online application form.

Selection criteria for all research grants:

- New, original research project
- Wealth and breadth of the study, both theoretically and empirically
- Focus on methodological challenges
- Novel contribution to further research in the field
- Training of PhD students
- Relevance of scientific network

Publications

 <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>(institutional access passcode: FLIN22)</p>
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NEW Call for proposals

Special issue of *Folia Linguistica* or *Folia Linguistica Historica* 2026

Thematic issue with introduction by the guest editors.
Special issues may, but need not, come out of SLE workshops

Deadline for proposals: 1 –12 –2024

Notification: 15 – 01 – 2025

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

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.

SOME FURTHER PARTICULARS:

- Maximum length: 250 pages (average word count per page is 350).
- 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 2026.

Folia Linguistica. Volume 58 Issue 3 29 October 2024**Articles**

Keolakawai K. G. Spencer. Distinguishing Hawai'i Creole *neva* and *néva*: prosodic evidence from podcast interviews.

Liulin Zhang. What is a Chinese word? Lexical constructionalization in Chinese.

Ludovica Lena. Encoding indefinite human reference without indefinite pronouns: the case of Chinese presentationals.

Diego Gabriel Krivochen. Constituents, arrays, and trees: two (more) models of grammatical description.

Anna Oczko. Toponymic unity of the Carpathian region.

Irene Lami, Maria Silvia Micheli, Jan Radimský, Joost van de Weijer. Gender agreement in Italian compounds with *capo-*.

Lívia Körtvélyessy. In search of a semiotic model for onomatopoeia.

Book reviews

Yue Ou, Shuqiong Wu. Dirk Geeraerts, Dirk Speelman, Kris Heylen, Mariana Montes, Stefano De Pascale, Karlien Franco & Michael Lang: *Lexical Variation and Change: A Distributional Semantic Approach*.

Feng Liu. Bernd Heine: *The Grammar of Interactives*.

Folia Linguistica Historica. Volume 58 Issue s45-s1 28 October 2024**Articles**

Josep Alba-Salas. Rising datives: *tomar* 'take' expressions with nouns of 'emotion' and constructional network reconfiguration in Spanish.

Dominika Skrzypek. Variation and change in the Swedish periphrastic passive: a constructional approach.

Tim A.F. Ongenae. *Permittito aperiāt oculum*: typological considerations on P-lability and its interaction with morphosyntactic alignment in Latin medical texts.

Ronald I. Kim. The Indo-Iranian background of the Ossetic future.

Nadine Dietrich. The seamlessness of grammatical innovation: the case of *be going to* (revisited).

Timur Maisak, Samira Verhees. The 'Still Not' Present in Andi: identifying the grammaticalization source.

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

Rafał Szeptyński. The reduction of affixes in morphological reanalysis: Polish neuters in *-ich-*.

Book reviews

Gerd Carling. Alessandro Del Tomba: *The Tocharian gender system. A diachronic study in nominal morphology*.

Chiara Zanchi. Olga Spevak: *Nominalization in Latin*.

Luka Repanšek. Patrizia de Bernardo Stempel: *The accents of Celtic: New light on the older and oldest stages*.

Chundra Cathcart. Frederik Hartmann: *Germanic phylogeny*.

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Online lecture & Winter Business meeting

This year's Winter Business meeting will take place on **27 January 2025, at 5pm CET**. As this meeting mainly serves to confirm that we postpone the discussion of the financial report until the on-site annual meeting in Bordeaux, it will be very short.

After that Business meeting, at 5.15pm, we will continue with this year's first **online lecture** by **Maria Mazzoli** (see below for the abstract), who participated in the roundtable discussion "Decolonization and linguistics – opportunities and challenges" held during SLE57 at the University of Helsinki in August 2024, together with Pius Akumbu, Hanna-Máret Outakoski, and Eeva Sippola (see p. 2). We invited Maria Mazzoli for this online lecture, amongst others, to share her ideas on how SLE can help decolonize linguistics. We aim to maintain the **collaborative approach** of the roundtable; back then numerous contributions were posted by the Helsinki audience on [this padlet](#). We will invite all SLE members to share and discuss their experiences and perspectives before and during the event.

Please save the date of 27 January 2025 (from 5pm CET onwards). We will send a link to the meeting in due course, as well as a link to a new padlet.

Decoloniality and linguistics: a collaborative reflection on the future of our field

Maria Mazzoli

University of Groningen

A growing threat affects linguistic communities across the globe: the imminent loss of more than half of the languages that are spoken to date. Alongside this threat, hopeful actions are being taken: an increasing effort in language revitalisation work (ranging from language documentation and description to the reawakening of languages) is being carried out by both communities and academic institutions. Scholars, graduate students, research institutes, community members (speakers or not), local Indigenous authorities and organizations are involved in this effort. However, the respective roles and priorities of the different actors, the jurisdiction and the ownership of the work is often problematic, given the power relation conflict having its deep roots in the colonial past. Within this reality, it becomes imperative that the field of linguistics deeply reflects on its role and accepted research practices. Working from decolonising methodologies (Smith, 2021), developing decolonial protocols of collaboration with communities (Leonard & Haynes, 2010), and including decolonial training within linguistics study programs are possible developments invoked by many colleagues and community members. Changing the dynamics within funding schemes is also often mentioned.

Call for proposals

The organization of online lectures is a community-driven activity of the SLE. Members take the initiative to promote research (lines) close to them. Specifically, a group of five SLE members can propose a speaker and topic to the Executive Committee via [this form](#):

- Name and affiliation of the speaker (who agrees to deliver a talk)
- Title
- Provisional abstract by the speaker (not the final version)
- Reference to website and publication record of the nominee.

The EC evaluates the proposals and makes a decision in close consultation with the Scientific Committee.

Proposals can be submitted at any time of the year. The EC selects up to 3 speakers for the following six months. Other speakers can be held in reserve for the following half year. Each announcement will present three lectures.

The SLE ‘Linguistics in Schools Manifesto’

During the Annual Members’ Meeting in Helsinki, the SLE adopted the ‘Linguistics in Schools Manifesto’:

Context. The *Societas Linguistica Europaea* – the representative body of European linguists – adopts the following manifesto on the importance of teaching linguistics in the pre-university school systems across Europe. The manifesto argues for **introducing linguistics in curricula across Europe in the national pre-university school systems**.

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.

Rationale. Introducing linguistics in curricula across Europe in the national pre-university school systems can (i) help students to 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 minority languages, the idioms of immigrants and local dialects, especially in the context of actual intense multilingualism, (vi) foster intrinsic motivation for language learning, (vii) support local Linguistics Olympiads, an important, successful and mostly grass-roots initiative, which became very popular in the last years in the European countries.

Expected outcomes. These benefits have important implications for the development of individual skills and especially of multilingualism, which ultimately enhances cohesion within the EU. Multilingualism is a *founding principle* of the EU, [“enshrined in the EU’s Charter of Fundamental Rights”](#).

The *Societas Linguistica Europaea*, founded in 1966, 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, [Bilingualism Matters](#), [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.

Call for papers for LingComm25

[LingComm](#) is a project devoted to encouraging and enabling high-quality, engaging linguistics communication efforts. Its upcoming event is LingComm25, an online conference for people who do (or who enjoy) science communication in linguistics. LingComm25 is happening 7–10 April 2025. You can sign up [here](#).

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