

# Societas Linguistica Europaea

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## SLE 2026 conference [Registration is open](#)

The programme committee has selected 486 abstracts; fee waivers can be applied for. See pp. 2-3

ROUND TABLE on linguistics at the intersection of free speech and verbal aggression. See p. 3

**Siewierska and Martinet awards**  
Under evaluation. See p. 4

## **Folia Linguistica (Historica)** [New issue](#)

SLE is pleased to welcome the new editor of *Folia Linguistica Historica*. See p. 5

## SLE Online lectures: call for proposals

On 31 March we had our first online lecture of the year; Raúl Aranovich (University of California Davis) gave a fascinating talk about cybercrime prevention, featuring linguists teaming up with social scientists and computer scientists to face cyber security threats, which are evolving at breakneck speed. The lecture was recorded and will soon be made available on [SLE's Youtube channel](#).

### Call for proposals

The organization of online lectures is a community-driven activity of the SLE. Specifically, a team of two SLE members can propose a speaker and topic to the Executive Committee via [this form](#). Proposals can be submitted at any time of the year. We aim to have at least one online lecture per season apart from the summer, when we have our annual meeting. We are currently looking for speakers for the **Autumn** and **Winter lectures** of the next academic year.

# SLE 2026 Osnabrück

26 – 29 August

## 59th Annual SLE Meeting

<https://societaslinguistica.eu/sle2026/>



The Programme Committee, chaired by Anetta Kopecka (Université Lumière Lyon 2) for the workshops and by Peter Arkadiev (University of Potsdam) for the general session, conducted 1805 reviews and ended up accepting 486 abstracts, using a threshold of 3.1/5. Of all 594 abstracts submitted, 58% were single-authored, and 25% were co-authored by two scholars. The top three topics were morphosyntax, syntax, and typology (almost equal shares). In terms of languages studied, those of Germanic stock predominated (as always), but were closely followed by languages of Asia (which is new!).

The list of accepted papers is published [here](#).

Descriptions of the accepted workshops can be consulted [here](#).

The deadline for **registration** for presenters is 31 May 2026; early-bird rates apply until 30 April 2026. Co-authors can still register until 31 July 2026. To register for the conference, please go to the Members' area: <https://societaslinguistica.eu/members/login/>.

As always, we organize the **Best Paper award** for **PhD students** and **Postdocs**. Do not forget to tick the appropriate box in EasyChair.

You will notice that the registration fees have been increased, a decision we did not take lightly, to better reflect the current costs of conference organization, which continue to be affected by inflation.

We would also like to draw members' attention to the possibility of applying for **financial support** to attend the upcoming SLE conference. Specifically, the Executive Committee decided to use funds accumulated from member

donations to support the participation of early-career scholars in the upcoming conference in Osnabrück in the form of a **waiver** for the conference fees & conference dinner. The procedure and eligibility criteria are as follows:

After receiving notification that your abstract has been accepted, you may apply for the scholarship if (a) you are a doctoral student without a stipend or fellowship or (b) an unemployed scholar holding a doctorate acquired within the past three years. Preference will be given to scholars who meet these requirements and are active in countries whose nominal GDP per capita is less than \$35,000 (please check [here](#) for the latest World Bank data). If you think you are eligible, please send an email to Anna Kisiel ([sle.cm@kuleuven](mailto:sle.cm@kuleuven)) by 15 June 2026 explaining your situation and providing supporting evidence. The EC committee will announce the results of the selection by early July.

#### Plenary speakers at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual SLE Meeting:

- Maria Koptjevskaja Tamm, Presidential address
- Steffen Hoeder, plenary speaker
- Alexandra Bosshard, winner of the Best Postdoc paper at SLE 2025
- Elena Shvedova, winner of the Best PhD paper at SLE 2025.

**ROUND TABLE: “May contain (strong) language” –  
linguistics at the intersection of free speech and verbal aggression**  
With the following speakers: Elin McCready, Kate Burrige and Lynne Tirrell  
moderator: Bernd Kortmann

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](mailto:sle.cm@kuleuven.be)).

## Next venues:

### SLE 2027:

#### University of Košice (Slovakia)

(25 – 28 August. Chair: Livia Körtvélyessy)

### SLE 2028:

#### University of Turin (Italy)

(Chair: Livio Gaeta)

### SLE 2029:


#### **PERHAPS AT YOUR INSTITUTION?**


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## Siewierska and Martinet awards: under evaluation

	<p><b>Anna Siewierska Award 2026</b> (annual) for the best <i>FL</i> or <i>FoLH</i> paper.</p> <p>This award does not require an application. All articles published in <i>FL</i> and <i>FoLH</i> in 2025 are eligible.</p> <p>Award Committee: Livio Gaeta (chair), Viviana Masia, Maria Napoli, Gunther Kaltenböck, Nikolaus Ritt</p>
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	<p><b>André Martinet Award 2026</b> (biannual) for an outstanding research monograph by a senior scholar which makes a significant contribution to the development of our understanding of language and linguistics.</p> <p>Books must be first published in 2022, 2023, 2024, or 2025.</p> <p>Award Committee: Marc Olivier-Loiseau (chair), Karen Lahousse, Katerina Stathi, Francesca Di Garbo, Vladimir Plungian, Alessandro Basile</p>
<p>(Source: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/">https://en.wikipedia.org/</a>)</p>	

## SLE’s journals

		<p><b>YOUR ACCESS TO FOLIA LINGUISTICA (HISTORICA)</b></p> <p>In 2024, the SLE signed a new contract with De Gruyter Mouton. Both <i>Folia Linguistica</i> and <i>Folia Linguistica Historica</i> will be Open Access by Subscription starting with 2026.</p> <p>More information on De Gruyter’s Subscribe to Open programme can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Access to earlier issues can be obtained via the <a href="#">Members’ area</a>.</p>
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## New editor for *Folia Linguistica Historica*

The SLE Nominating Committee has selected Łukasz Jędrzejowski (University of Agder) for the position of Editor-in-Chief of *Folia Linguistica Historica* (2026-2029). The new Editor started the position on 6 March 2026 and currently serves along with Maria Napoli in order to assure a smooth transition. The official election will ensue at the Business Meeting of the SLE 2026 conference in Osnabrück.

### ***Folia Linguistica*. Volume 60 Issue 1, April 2026**

#### **Articles**

- Tang, Mengyuan. Local Grammar and Speech Act Analysis: A Case Study of Compliments.
- Barotto, Alessandra. When possessor and argument indexes coincide. A cross-linguistic survey.
- Duffley, Patrick. Can syntax swallow semantics? Or might it not be the other way around?
- Bahrami-Khorshid, Sahar. A reverse way: Agreement marker motivates the subject in Persian frame impersonal constructions.
- McClellan, Alina. *Sak*-relatives in Reunion Creole: Examining the distinction between light-headed and free relatives.
- Malawi Al-Raba'a, Basem Ibrahim. The Metamorphosis of *dʒaaj* in Rural Jordanian Arabic.
- Alshamari, Murdhy. D-Linked Wh-phrase in Arabic: Contrast, Cliticization and Topic Values.
- Li, Jingli. Changes in linguistic etiquette of modern Japanese: Borrowing and transformation of traditional forms of expression.
- Liu, Sha. The weight of VOT and f0 in English stop differentiation: 2L1 bilinguals vs. monolinguals.
- Bai, Junwei. Beyond "To Be": Multiple Copula Verbs in Munya.
- Alharbi, Bader. Agreement in Najdi Arabic existential sentences.
- Akinlotan, Mayowa. On classifying Yorùbá noun phrases.
- Anderson, John M. The non-grammaticality of phonetics.
- Portugal, Emma. Dialect vowel maintenance in a diglossic context: A study of linguistic heterogeneity in Gavar, Armenia.
- Calle-Martín, Javier. 'They cost me less pains than tragedy does': On the configuration of the quantifiers *less* and *fewer* in English.
- Knyazev, Mikhail. Experimental evidence suggests that null complement anaphora in Russian is not reducible to clausal ellipsis.
- Lehecka, Tomas. What linguists think everyone should know about language – On extracting salience from open-ended responses.
- Kuo, Yueh Hsin. On the directionality from temporal to conditional.
- Verdelli, Martina. How to express extreme quantity through Italian adverbial partially filled constructions.
- Gréa, Philippe. Neological *-ance* nominalizations of psych predicates.
- Hajek, John. Italian loanwords in the M'à'dí language of South Sudan and Uganda.
- Ma, Sai. Intra-language differences of motion event encoding – A case of advent paths in Mandarin Chinese.
- Li, Ningxian. VP copying interacting with verum focus.
- Güçlü, Ruhan. From interactional to informative discourse: A 90-year evolution of newspaper headlines (1930–2019).
- Abunya, Levina Nyameye. The grammaticalization path of the Kaakye relative clause marker.

## News from CIPL

SLE is a member of CIPL, *Comité International permanent des Linguistes*. Their March 2026 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](#). The organisation is preparing for its centenary anniversary in 2028 to be held in Leiden.

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