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The influence of Web-based technologies and social media has entered the mainstream and become so pervasive in human communication today that it is difficult to imagine any aspect of academic or professional life that has not been invaded by recent developments in new media. Being a very conservative discipline within its rationalistic terms of discourses and genres, law has always been relatively slow to accept any change in its traditions, processes, practices and, of course, mindset. However, even in law, particularly in the last few years, there has been an enthusiastic acceptance of the role of new media sites and services in the way law enforcement operates in investigative activities, introducing substantial changes to communication between organizations, institutions, communities and individuals and developing comprehensive integration strategies to improve access to justice. This growing influence of media usage is also making its way into novel forms of legal discourse, and also, perhaps more critically,

into specific issues arising from the use of legal discourse in its various traditional and newly-emerging (social) media contexts, and brings to the fore the social power these novel resources are now framing for problem-based inquiries in law. Alongside this, potential is mounting for the role of (social-) media as an instrument of interdiscursive and interdisciplinary procedure, exploitation, and management of public and private discursive space and practice and is already visible in current socio-legal media contexts. Today, Internet and social media platforms dedicated to community-based input, interaction, content-sharing and collaboration are thus becoming one of the most prevalent means of communication in a variety of academic, professional and organizational contexts, highlighting greater opportunities for social media knowledge and development in an expanding global reality and modern society.

It is primarily for these reasons that the 5th international conference **Legal Discourse: Context, Media and Social Power** invites original paper, panel and poster proposals that explore language through the broad areas alluded to, some of which are listed here:

1. Legal discourse in contexts
2. Law in broadcast media (film, radio, television), digital media (internet/web-based and mobile technologies), and print media (magazines, newspapers, books, comics)
3. Media in the construction, storing and dissemination of legal knowledge
4. Web-based media for the construction of interdiscursive/interdisciplinary issues affecting law and other fields (politics, economics, criminology, sociology, psychology, healthcare and medicine)
5. Social media in criminal and forensic investigations
6. Social media in the process of conflict resolution
7. Issues of harassment, defamation, privacy/publicity/government surveillance, freedom of speech, cyberbullying, trolling and intellectual property in social media environments
8. Disciplining and regulating social media activities
9. Legal and ethical challenges on social media
10. Role, power, identity, and ideology on social media
11. Multilingualism/multiculturalism, migration, race, and ethnicity on social media
12. Web-based media resources for higher legal education (formal and informal learning, collaborative work)

The conference committee welcomes contributions on these and other related topics using a range of scholarly approaches to theoretical and methodological debates within discourse studies where language and other semiotic modes are in focus. Such approaches include, but are not limited to: discourse (textual) and (critical) genre analyses, critical discourse analysis, conversation analysis, corpus-based discourse analysis, interactional sociolinguistics, ethnography and communication analyses, multimodal discourse analysis, mediated discourse analysis, forensic/legal linguistics, translation/interpreting, and ESP. By providing a forum that presents research from all forms of discourse theory, data and methods, the conference brings together academics, researchers, practitioners, government officials, consultants from different backgrounds to exchange new ideas as well as discuss the challenges encountered and solutions adopted.

Keynote speakers

The following keynote speakers have accepted the invitation to speak in the plenary sessions:

- **Vijay K. BHATIA**
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- **Delia C. CHIARO**
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Schedule

Conference will start early morning on Thursday 24th May and close on Saturday 26th at lunchtime.

Venue

The conference will take place at the National School of Public Administration (Royal Palace of Caserta) instituted by the Italian Council of Ministers.

Equipment and other facilities

Conference rooms are equipped with microphone and video projector for PowerPoint (Windows) presentations. In addition to PowerPoint presentations, speakers should bring as many photocopied handouts as they think appropriate. Photocopying facilities are not available on the premises. Speakers and other conference participants will have access to Wi-Fi networking technology for wireless high-speed Internet connections.

Presentation: guidelines

Individual and joint papers and posters will be allotted 20 minutes, plus 5 minutes each for discussion at the end of the part-session.

Language of presentation

English

Abstract Submission: Papers, Panels and Posters

Contributors are invited to send an abstract of their proposed paper, panel or poster in MS Word (12pt) of not more than 300 words (excluding references) by no later than 15th November 2017 to the following address: crill@unicampania.it Posters should be 841mm x 1189mm in portrait orientation.

- Contributors should **specify** in the abstract one of the topics (e.g. 1, 2) or 'Other' **areas** into which their papers fall.
- Contributors should send their proposals using the online form available at CRILL conference website: www.crillunicampania.it

► Proposals for paper/panel/poster will be evaluated on the basis of originality of the topic and its relevance to conference objectives, appropriacy of background information and literature, research design and method used, as well as clarity of language and presentation of questions/hypothesis posed.

Publication

Selected peer-reviewed papers by members of the Scientific Committee and other independent reviewers will be invited for publication in *Legal Discourse and Communication* international series (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, UK, ISSN indexed) and/or edited conference proceedings with ISBN number indexed in appropriate database.

- Full paper submission by 30th September **2018**

Important dates and Registration

Abstract submission by 15th November 2017

Notification of acceptance by 15th December 2017

How to contact us

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