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Call for papers

Lexical Neology through Time

June 8th, 9th & 10th 2017

University of Lyon (Jean Moulin Lyon 3)

International 3-day conference hosted by the Center for Linguistic Studies (CEL) – EA 1663, University of Lyon (Jean Moulin Lyon 3)

This conference on “Lexical Neology through Time” hosted by the Centre d’Etudes Linguistiques (CEL, Center for Linguistic Studies), one of the research teams of the University of Lyons (Jean Moulin Lyon 3), complements several other conferences and publications dealing with this topic. Among others, a comparative and a diachronic approach will be adopted to study not only several languages which have evolved differently, but also several time periods.

The conference “Lexical Neology through Time” is resolutely anchored in a **diachronic** approach, the aim of which is to study lexical and semantic creation through the historical evolution of languages. Two main areas of research will be tackled. The first area of research deals with the study of both **the linguistic and the extralinguistic contexts which surround the creation of neologisms**. These contexts may be delineated according to various criteria, be they generational criteria (neologisms in teenage speech), media criteria (neologisms in electronic jargon), political and institutional criteria (neologisms in European institutions) or criteria linked to specific domains (the emergence of new concepts, of new disciplines requiring new terminology or lexicon) to give but a few examples. The second area of research revolves around the study **of how neologisms are perceived, how they may evolve and how they thrive** (how lexicographers, institutions, speakers, authors, etc. react to them).

Submissions may tackle these issues either from a purely **theoretical** standpoint (what neologisms reveal about linguistic systems) or from a more **applied** standpoint, by placing under scrutiny the issues linked to the translation of neologisms or the integration of specific neologisms in a given standard language.

The organisers invite researchers and scholars in the field of sociolinguistics, lexicology, lexicography, comparative linguistics, translation studies, cross-cultural linguistics and corpus linguistics to submit papers, laying emphasis on the evolution of languages.

Lines and areas of study and suggested issues:

Papers are welcome from a range of issues surrounding this topic, such as:

- How to define a neologism compared to a hapax or a nonce word?
- Why do we create neologisms? Are they merely created to fill a lexical gap to designate objects and concepts? What are the reasons underlying lexical creation? Are they always the same or do they vary?
- What factors are at work in the spreading of neologisms?
- Why and how do neologisms become lexicalized?
- What is the lifespan of a neologism? Can it be predicted? Are some neologisms more likely to be lexicalized than others according to the semantic field or language register they belong to, the period in which they are created, etc.?
- Is there a link between neologisms and language registers?
- What role(s) do “dominant” languages, i.e. languages that serve as “models” play in the creation of neologisms (see the example of Latin, English, Greek, French...)?
- What is the sociolinguistic dimension of lexical creation, considering the issues of linguistic policies, linguistic dogma, and the role of contact languages? Can neologisms be considered as revealing of a standpoint from “dominating” languages as opposed to “dominated” languages?
- Does the semantic content of neologisms play a role in their successful propagation?

This list is by no means exhaustive, and jury members will duly consider all related issues or approaches that can shed light on the topic.

Languages under scrutiny: No restriction.

Languages of the conference: French; English. Presentations in other languages (German, Spanish, Italian, etc.) may be accepted. In this case, the

day of the conference, the examples taken from the corpus will have to be translated into French.

Length of each presentation: 30-minute talk, 15-minute discussion.

How to submit:

Submissions (in French or in English) should be sent to cel@univ-lyon3.fr by October, 15th 2016.

Submissions (in French or in English) should include a title, an abstract (500 words, references excluded), 5 key-words, the language(s) under scrutiny and the language chosen for the presentation, as well as a brief introduction of the author.

All submissions will be anonymously peer-reviewed (double-blind peer reviewing – one internal reviewer + one external reviewer).

Evaluation committee's decision notified to authors: early November 2016. An abstract of the presentation (between 250 and 300 words) will be requested before the conference is held in order to establish a detailed schedule.

Publication: Presentations selected by the editorial committee after the conference may be published. In this case, authors will be sent guidelines indicating which typographic norms to follow.

Languages of published papers: French; English

Key dates

End of June 2016: Call for papers

October 15th, 2016: Deadline for sending in submissions

November 1st 2016: notification of committee's decision

June 8th, 9th, 10th 2017: Conference