

Media Discourse in Times of Crisis

6-7 November 2025, University of Catania

Dept. of Humanities, Dept. of Law, Dept. of Political and Social Sciences

Venue: Auditorium “E. Zappalà”, Via Santa Maddalena 39

6 November	
14.00-14.30	Registration
14.30-15.00	Opening
15.00-16.00	Keynote Address – Giuseppe Balirano (Università di Napoli L'Orientale) <i>From Clinic to Platform: A Corpus-Assisted Study of Medical Discourse on Social Media</i> Chair: Giuliana Diani (Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia)
16.00-17.00	First session (Chair: Marco Venuti, Università di Catania)
	Olga Denti (Università di Cagliari): <i>COVID-19 Crisis Management in Newspaper Articles: A Diachronic Analysis</i> Anna Anselmo (Università di Milano La Statale): <i>Politics, Discourse, and the Press in the Early Nineteenth Century: Media Discourse During the Peterloo Crisis</i>
17.00-17.30	Coffee Break
17.30-18.30	Second session (Chair: Francesca Vigo, Università di Catania)
	Marco Venuti (Università di Catania): <i>4chan Discourses on Migration</i> Roberta Iacovelli (Università di Catania): <i>Dehumanising (Im)migrants: An Analysis of Metaphors in Campaign Speeches in the 2024 US Presidential Elections</i>
20.30	Social Dinner

7 November	
9.30-10.30	Keynote Address – Maria Grazia Sindoni (Università di Messina) <i>What Makes a Corpus Multimodal? From Theoretical Conceptualizations to Empirical Methodologies</i> Chair: Cristina Arizzi (Università di Catania)
10.30-11.30	Third session (Chair: Cristina Arizzi, Università di Catania)
	Paola Catenaccio (Università di Milano La Statale): <i>Metaphors of War and Peace in Institutional and Corporate Discourse on the Web: A Short-Term Diachronic Investigation</i> Patrizia Anesa (Università di Bergamo): <i>Immersive Preparedness: Enhancing Risk and Crisis Communication through Extended Reality and Extended Modality</i>
11.30-12.00	Coffee Break
12.00-13.30	Fourth session (Chair: Giuseppina Di Gregorio, Università di Catania)
	Cristina Arizzi (Università di Catania): <i>Voices in Between: Second-Generation Immigrants Negotiating Heritage and Assimilation</i> Lucia La Causa (Università di Catania): <i>Models in Crisis: Rethinking World Englishes Today</i> Lorenzo Buonvivere (Università di Roma La Sapienza): <i>Framing the Environmental Crisis: A Corpus-Assisted Analysis of the Guardian's "Down to Earth" Newsletter</i>
13.30-15.00	Lunch
15.00-16.00	Keynote Address – Massimiliano Demata (Università di Catania) <i>Crossing the Borders of Science and Anti-Science. Linguistic, Communicative and Methodological Challenges</i> Chair: Raffaele Zago (Università di Catania)
16.00-17.30	Fifth session (Chair: Raffaele Zago, Università di Catania)
	Maria Ivana Lorenzetti (Università di Verona): <i>Framing War Crisis: Rhetorical Representation of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict in American Political Discourse</i> Denise Filmer (Università di Pisa): <i>Hate Speech or Freedom of Speech? Extremism and Partiality in Media Discourse on the Hamas-Israeli War. A Critical Investigation into Accusations of BBC Bias</i> Andrea Cifalinò, Ester Di Silvestro, Laura Sofia Pensabene (Università di Catania): <i>Displacement and Migration: A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Ukraine-Russia and Gaza-Israel Crises</i>
17.30-18.30	Final Discussion and Closing