

V INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM



DISRUPTIONS AND VULNERABILITIES: INVESTIGATING DISCOURSE IN TIMES OF CRISES

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ONLINE

FIRST CALL

Crisis has always been a slippery concept with shifting meanings depending on the conditions under which it is encountered. Often framed discursively in relation to societal junctures, disruptions and lived experiences of discontinuity, the term has historically encapsulated imagined moments of individual and collective vulnerability. In so doing, crisis has also been a powerful driver mobilising affective dispositions with impact on how social actors engage in (and make sense of) linguistic, semiotic and communicative practices mediating changing forms of identification and social relation.

Although it always involves a great deal of symbolic action, crisis is also intertwined with the (re)production and challenging of specific material inequalities. This has been, for example, the case with the perceived socio-economic and health-related crises of the last few centuries. While helping to (re)constitute long-standing unequal distribution of material resources across different contexts, these crises have at the same time engendered new logics of social organisation and (not always expected) forms of political reorganisation.

The V EDiSo International Symposium 2021 aims to address these issues by inviting discursive, sociolinguistic and semiotic approaches to the study of disruptions and vulnerabilities in times of crises. It welcomes contributions that shed light on their apprehension, impact and (re)signification, and on what discourse studies have to offer to an understanding of those processes.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The conference includes different activity formats such as round tables, workshops, panels, data analysis sessions or individual papers. Please use the following link to submit your proposed activity: <https://forms.gle/nqDFeXSqsC7iMdds8>

Submissions should detail the following information:

1. Type of activity proposed (e.g, panel, workshop, round table or data analysis session).
2. Activity coordinator.
3. Title.
4. Abstract including objectives, rationale and approach of the activity (300 words max).

5. Please indicate if the activity is open for people to submit individual contributions during the second call for papers or, if rather, it is closed because the coordinator has already a list of participants who have in principle agreed to contribute.
6. If the activity is open, please indicate number of contributions that can be accepted at the second call for papers.
7. In case of workshops or data analysis sessions, please indicate the type of contribution that participants will have to submit during the second call for papers.

Please keep in mind the following when preparing your proposed activity:

- All activities will be allocated within two main time slots of 1h 30' each (totalling two slots each day) which will be held between 4-8pm CET (*Central European Time*). Thus, all proposed activities should be adjusted to fit a 1h30' duration.
- In case of panels, these should include 3-4 contributions each. In order to create opportunities for exchange and dialogue at the symposium we recommend panel coordinators to include a discussion in addition to the required 3-4 contributions.

Timeline:

- **First call for submissions.** March 1 – 26, 2021: Submission of collective activities (e.g., round tables, workshops, data session analysis, etc.).
- **Review of submitted proposals.** March 7 – April 8, 2021.
- **Acceptance of submitted proposals.** April 9, 2021.
- **Second call for submissions.** April 12 – May 9, 2021: Submission of individual papers, contributions to panels (either closed or open panels) and contributions to any of the collective activities proposed during the first call.
- **Review of submitted contributions.** May 10 – 21, 2021. Individual papers will be reviewed by the symposium scientific committee. Contributions submitted to collective activities will be reviewed by the corresponding activity coordinator.
- **Acceptance of submitted individual contributions:** May 24, 2021.