



Call for Papers

Omnilinguae Research Group

Faculty of Humanities, SWPS University

Conference Title: *Language - Contact - Meaning - Identity*

Conference Date: **May 29, 2025, 2 PM**

Place: **SWPS University**, Chodakowska 19/31, 03-815 Warsaw, Poland

We cordially invite students to participate in the first *Omnilinguae Research Group* conference dedicated to socio-linguistic aspects of communication and language contact phenomena that appear between individuals functioning in foreign language environments as well as professionals negotiating meaning through cross-cultural encounters.

The Omnilinguae Research Group wishes to give students an opportunity to present the results of their research projects through an establishment of a student forum that will facilitate a possibility for the exchange of knowledge.

We hope that this event will contribute to a deeper interdisciplinary discussion on the key issues related to language contact, its impact on identity, and most importantly bring together students who want to share their ideas.

We encourage students representing various academic fields to present their ideas within the proposed thematic focus of the conference.

Possible thematic areas include, among others:

- **Multilingualism and Identity Construction:** Research on the social and cultural factors related to the notion of bilingualism and multilingualism based on the ideas of shaping, reflecting and negotiating both individual and group identities.
- **Language Contact, Emotions, and Identity:** Analysis of the impact of the linguistic environment and language contact on the experience and expression of emotions as well as the interplay of these factors within the construction of the concept of identity.

- **Code-switching, Pragmatics, and Identity:** Investigation of the functions and social meanings of switching between languages and related phenomena in the enactment of pragmatic intentions, negotiation of social and individual identities in multilingual settings.
- **Intercultural Pragmatics and Identity Negotiation:** Study of the communication challenges and strategies arising from the contact of different pragmatic norms and conventions, and their impact on the negotiation and perception of identity in intercultural interactions.
- **Intercultural Translation, Interpretation, and Identity Construction:** Analysis of how the negotiation of meaning, the choice of translation strategies, and the language used in written/spoken translation and interpretation can shape, or reflect the identity of speakers/authors and recipients, and how this affects relationships and the perception of identity across cultures.

We are pleased to announce that our special guests will be:

Matthew Riemland, PhD

Talya Balikcioglu, MA

Interested students are **invited to submit abstracts** (maximum 250 words) of their **20-minute presentations and results of their research** along with a **short biographical note** (up to 50 words) and information about **their affiliation** (name of university/faculty) to the OLRG scholarly advisor, **Agnieszka Chada PhD** at achada@swps.edu.pl, CC: OLRG vice-president **Julia Detkowska BA** at jdetkowska@st.swps.edu.pl and OLRG president **Olesia Rohovska** at orohovska@st.swps.edu.pl by **May 8, 2025**.

All submitted abstracts will undergo an initial assessment. Information about the acceptance of abstracts will be communicated by May 15, 2025.

Important dates and deadlines:

- Final deadline for abstract submission: May 8, 2025
- Notification of abstract acceptance and conference programme: May 15, 2025
- Conference date: May 29, 2025

Other Relevant Information:

- The conference language is English.
- There is no conference participation fee.
- The conference is an on-site event, and it will take place at the SWPS University in Warsaw (Chodakowska 19/31, 03-815 Warsaw, Poland). Details about the room to be announced at a later date.
- If you have any questions, please contact us by email at: jdetkowska@st.swps.edu.pl & orohovska@st.swps.edu.pl

We look forward to receiving your submissions!