

Second call for papers

Bucharest Workshop on *Formal Approaches to Romance Microvariation*

Date: November 25-26, 2016

Location: Bucharest, Faculty of Letters, University of Bucharest

This two-day workshop is part of the Annual Conference of the Department of Linguistics of the University of Bucharest, thematically devoted to linguistic variation in Romanian and Romance.

In the past 20 years, syntactic variation has played a crucial role in shaping the principles and parameters approach to the architecture of the language faculty. Issues in morphological and phonological variation also bring important contributions to the current development of theories of morphology and phonology. The Romance languages represent a fertile test-bed for formulating theoretical hypotheses on the nature, source and extent of (micro)variation, which may bring relevant contributions to the formal modelling of linguistic variation. Given their relatively well-known history and their common ancestry, the Romance languages also present a unique opportunity for understanding how linguistic variation emerges (i.e. the same input leading to different, variant outputs). The set of phenomena which are known in the literature to be subject to intense (syntactic, morphological and phonological) variation from both a cross-Romance and a dialectal (intralinguistic) perspective includes (but is not restricted to): (i) clitics, (ii) verb movement, (iii) negation, (iv) agreement, (v) gender and number, (vi) reduplication, (vii) doubling, (viii) ellipsis, (ix) deixis i.a.

We invite submissions for **30 (20+10) minute long oral presentations** dealing with issues in Romance microvariation. Ideally, topics should be relevant for syntax, morphology and phonology (and also semantics). A (cross-Romance and intralinguistic, dialectal) **comparative** and **diachronic** perspective is strongly encouraged: proposals dealing with more than one Romance variety and with the historical source of phenomena subject to linguistic variation will have priority in the selection process.

Submissions should be sent by attachment, as anonymous pdfs, to: colocviu_lingvistica@yahoo.ro, accompanied by a file containing the title of the paper, the authors and their affiliation.

Submissions must be no longer than two single-spaced pages, in Times New Roman 12, including references and examples.

Workshop language: English.

Important dates for submission

- Deadline for submissions: September 25, 2016
- Notification of acceptance: October 5, 2016
- Conference dates: November 25-26, 2016

Round tables

We also intend to organize two thematic round tables within the workshop:

Round table 1 – Pronominal clitics in Romance: empirical issues that challenge existing theories of cliticization

Round table 2 – Collecting data on microvariation in Romance. Methodological issues

Organization of the round tables:

We view the round tables as a forum for open discussion. We invite participants in the workshop to prepare 5-minute interventions to be submitted to debate.

We also invite the colleagues who wish to contribute to the round tables but cannot be present in Bucharest to send their intervention to the round table by November 15 to nicolae_bibi@yahoo.com.

Their contribution will be presented in the round table by one of the organizers.

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