



Seconda Università degli Studi di Napoli

Facoltà di Giurisprudenza

The Language of Law: *pulling together different strands and disciplines*

International Workshop

**FACULTY OF LAW
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL SCIENCES**

17-18 June 2010
Santa Maria Capua Vetere – Caserta
Italy

Call for Papers

It is a fact that the law pervades many aspects of our lives and the use and function of its language constitute the essentials on which the precepts of law itself are established. The interconnection between law and language provides a continuous source of analytical insights for researchers working in a variety of disciplines. It also gives us an opportunity to refine our current understanding of language and law from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The Law Faculty of the Seconda Università degli Studi di Napoli (University of Naples 2) – Department of Legal Sciences - English Language Chair - is hosting its first international workshop to bring together linguists, legal scholars and practitioners, to explore the issues of language in the law in English and other European and non-European languages, cultures and systems. We therefore invite colleagues to submit papers on theoretical and applied perspectives of language in a variety of areas of law (civil, criminal, administrative, European/international), in academic, professional and institutional contexts.

Papers may address aspects of language and law, also from an interdisciplinary perspective, on any of the following broad theme areas:

- legal discourse and genre, including ethnographic or corpus-based analyses of legal discourse in the media
 - power relations and ideology in the law
 - cross-cultural legal communication
 - pedagogy of legal language (LSP, ESP, EAP)
 - legal translation and interpreting
 - forensic linguistics
 - plain language and the law
- other

Keynote speaker

For the plenary lecture the following keynote speaker has been invited:

- Prof. Vijay K. BHATIA

Visiting Professor, Department of English, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
President, Asia-Pacific LSP and Professional Communication Association
Principal Investigator of RGC Cerg Project on *International Arbitration Practice: A Discourse Analytical Study*

Scientific Committee

- Prof. Vijay BHATIA (City University of Hong Kong)
- Prof.. Giuliana GARZONE (Political Science Faculty, University of Milan)
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- Ass. Prof. Girolamo TESSUTO (Law Faculty, University of Naples 2)
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Organising Committee

- Girolamo Tessuto, Associate Professor of English Language and Translation, Law Faculty (SUN)
- Dott. Stephen John Spedding, Principal English Language Assistant – Law Faculty (SUN)
- Dott.ssa Maria Luigia Arricale, English Language Collaborator – Law Faculty (SUN)
- Dott. Gennaro Russo, English Language Collaborator – Law Faculty (SUN)

Schedule

The Workshop will start the morning of the 1st day and close in the evening of the 2nd day.

Workshop venue

The workshop will take place at the Aulario, a recently-opened Teaching and Conference Facility shared by the Faculties of Law and Humanities of the Seconda Università degli Studi di Napoli, and located in Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Caserta.

Equipment

The conference rooms in the Aulario are equipped with OHP, microphone and video projector for Powerpoint (Windows) presentations. In addition to Powerpoint presentations, speakers should bring as many photocopied handouts as they think appropriate. Photocopying facilities are not available. Speakers and other conference participants will have access to dedicated computing and Internet facilities through the University Language Laboratory (open on the Conference days) in Aulario.

Presentation: guidelines

Papers will be allotted 20 minutes, plus 5-10 minutes each for discussion at the end of the part-session.

Working Language: **English**

Abstract Submission

Contributors are invited to send an anonymous abstract in MS Word (12pt) of not more than 300 words (excluding references) by no later than 15th December 2009 to the following address:

languageoflaw@unina2.it

► Contributors should specify in the abstract one of the seven analytical areas into which their papers fall, according to the KEY below:

- 1 legal discourse and genre, including ethnographic or corpus-based analyses of legal discourse in the media
- 2 power relations and ideology in the law
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- 5 legal translation and interpreting
- 6 forensic linguistics
- 7 plain language and the law
- 8 other

► Contributors should also send a separate cover sheet with the following information:

Title:

Author(s):

Affiliation(s):

Mailing address:

E-mail:

Telephone number:

Important dates		
Submission of abstracts	by 15 December 2009	
Notification of acceptance	by 31 January 2010	
Early registration	before 28 February 2010	Euro 120
Standard registration	from 1 March to 31 March 2010	Euro 150
Late registration	from 1 April to 30 May 2010	Euro 180
Workshop fees include: coffee breaks, meals and social dinner, transports (Hotel-Aulario-Hotel) and other information (book of abstracts, travel information, tourist guide)		

Method of payment: bank draft to the following Workshop Administration:

Meeting Words s.a.s

Banca di Monte di Paschi di Siena (filiale di Maddaloni)

IBAN: IT15P013074891000000382048

Swift: PASCITM1CE8

Reason for payment: **“language of law 2010 workshop”**

How to contact us

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Details of Workshop Programme, including registration, list of participants, book of abstracts, map, accomodation, travel/tourist information, excursion, will be announced from February 2010.