# Knowledge Dissemination in the Digital Era. Language and Episteme

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# Conference programme

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# Wednesday, 18 November 2015

9.00-9.30: Registration

**AULA MAGNA** 

9.30-9.45: Greetings from Academic Authorities

9.45-11.45: PLENARIES: Social epistemology in the digital era

Chair: Annalisa Coliva (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

9.45-10.45: Erik J. Olsson, George Masterton (Lund University) – Linking as voting: from Condorcet to Google

Chair: Marina Bondi (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

10.45-11-45: Naomi Baron (American University, Washington) - Know what? Learning, thinking, and knowing in a digital world

#### **AULA MAGNA**

12.00-13.20: OPEN SESSION A (Epistemology): Digital Epistemology

Chair: Giorgio Volpe (University of Bologna)

12.00-12.40: Rasmus Rendsvig (Lund University)

Measuring social transmission: competence and imitation

12.40-13.20: Cathrine Felix (Lund University)

Online interaction and non-epistemic grounds for belief

# **LABORATORIO LINGUISTICO**

12.00-13.20: OPENS SESSION B (Linguistics): Heritage and Tourism

Chair: Nicholas Brownlees (University of Florence)

12.00-12.20: Gloria Cappelli, Silvia Masi (University of Pisa)

Knowledge dissemination through tourist guidebooks: mind the gap between adults' and children's

12.20-12.40: **Giuliana Diani** (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia), **Christina Samson** (University of Florence)

The dissemination of cultural heritage knowledge in on-line tourist guidebooks and travel blogs

12.40-13.00: **Maria Cristina Paganoni** (State University, Milan) *Debating the smart city on the web: a linguistic investigation* 

13.00-13.20: Discussion

13.20-15.00: Lunch at Caffè Concerto

### **AULA MAGNA**

15.00-17.00: PLENARIES: Information and knowledge dissemination in the digital era

Chair: Marina Bondi (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

15.00-16.00: **Stefano Ossicini** (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy) – *Story telling: a knowledge dissemination strategy in hard sciences* 

16.00-17.00: Gloria Origgi (Institut Jean Nicode, EHESS) - Knowledge and trust in the digital era: for a second order epistemology

17.00-17.40: *Coffee break* 

#### **AULA MAGNA**

17.40-19.00: OPEN SESSION A (Linguistics): Translation and online dictionaries for KD

Chair: Davide Mazzi (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

17.40-18.00: **Giuseppe Palumbo** (University of Trieste)

Reorienting translation choices: English as a lingua franca, knowledge dissemination and a revision of the source/target distinction

18.00-18.20: Ilaria Moschini (University of Florence)

Hacking the 'code'. A linguistic and socio-semiotic analysis of the \_Jargon File \_(or the \_New Hacker's Dictionary )

18.20-18.40: Chiara Preite (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

Vulgariser la terminologie de la crise économique et financière: les dictionnaires Internet comme véhicule de déterminologisation

18.40-19.00: Discussion

#### LABORATORIO LINGUISTICO

17.40-18.40: OPEN SESSION B (Linguistics): Corporate communication and finance

Chair: Franca Poppi (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

17.40-18.00: Chiara Prosperi Porta (La Sapienza University, Rome)

Comparative mechanisms and relations in the dissemination of institution-centred financial knowledge

18.00-18.20: Maria Cristina Gatti (University of Verona)

Synchronous vs asynchronous forms of corporate communication: the case of instant messaging

18.20-18.40: Discussion

# Thursday, 19 November 2015

#### **AULA MAGNA**

9.30-11.30: PLENARIES: Trust and credibility in the digital era

Chair: Paolo Leonardi (University of Bologna)

9.30-10.30: Marina Sbisà, Paolo Labinaz (University of Trieste) – Credibility in social networks

Chair: Carla Bagnoli (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

10.30-11.30: **Elizabeth Fricker** (Oxford University) – *The prizes and perils of trusting others* 

#### **AULA MAGNA**

11.40-13.00: OPEN SESSION A (Epistemology): Reputation and trust

Chair: Paolo Labinaz (University of Trieste) TBC

11.40-12.20: Emmanuel Genot (Lund University)

Gloria Origgi's puzzle of trust & democracy and its empirical grounds

12.20-13.00: Ylva von Gerber (Lund University)

Friction – the cognitive and epistemic importance of face to face communication

# LABORATORIO LINGUISTICO

11.40-13.00: OPEN SESSION B (Linguistics): PhD Workshop

Chair: Marc Silver (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

11.40-11.55: **Jessica Dheskali** (Chemnitz University of Technology)

Researching Academia.edu: a quantitative corpus-analysis of modal Verbs and personal Pronouns in Scientific Papers

11.55-12.10: Dana Beyer (Chemnitz University of Technology)

Maybe Britannica Online, but definitely Wikipedia: A corpus analysis of hedges and boosters in two online encyclopaedias

12.10-12.25: Jacinta S. Edusei (Chemnitz University of Technology)

Probability adjuncts as hedges on the Web: A cross-cultural analysis

12.25-12.40: Yu Danni (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

Metaphors in environmental accounting

12.40-13.00: Discussion

13.00-15.00: Lunch at Caffè Concerto

# **AULA MAGNA**

15.00-16.20: OPEN SESSION A (Linguistics): Science and humanities

Chair: Belinda Crawford (University of Pisa)

15.00-15.20: Maria Freddi (University of Pavia)

Forms of knowledge dissemination in the discourse of science

15.20-15.40: Franca Poppi (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

Research blogs: local or global reach?

15.40-16.00: Marina Dossena (University of Bergamo)

Knowledge Dissemination, Digital Humanities and crowd-sourcing projects for diachrony

16.00-16.20: Discussion

# LABORATORIO LINGUISTICO

15.00-16.00: OPEN SESSION B (Linguistics): Health and medicine

Chair: Giuseppe Palumbo (University of Trieste)

15:00-15:20: **Michele Sala** (University of Bergamo) *Titles in medicine and science popularization* 

15:20-15:40: Renzo Mocini (La Sapienza University, Rome)

Filling gaps in medical knowledge. Comparative mechanisms in evidence-based medicine

12:00-12:20: **Silvia Cavalieri** (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) *Health literacy and young people: the case of* Young Epilepsy *website* 

15.40-16.00: Discussion

16.20-17.00: *Coffee break* 

# **AULA MAGNA**

17.00-19.00: PLENARIES: Communicative strategies in knowledge dissemination in the digital era

Chair: Julia Bamford (L'Orientale University, Naples)

17.00-18.00: **Cornelius Puschmann** (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin) — *Dissemination, discussion, participation? Interrogating the evolution of science policy concepts from knowledge dissemination to citizen science* 

18.00-19.00: Anna Mauranen (University of Helsinki) – Research blogs - disseminating knowledge or collaborating towards it?

20.00-: Conference dinner at Caffè Concerto

# Friday, 20 November 2015

### **AULA MAGNA**

9.30-11.30: PLENARIES: Information bubble and censorship in the digital era

Chair: George Masterton (Lund University)

9.30-10.30: Rita Cucchiara (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) – Ontologies-based or data driven concept extraction in video

10.30-11.30: Kristoffer Ahlström-Vij (Kent University) — Censoring online bullshit

# **AULA MAGNA**

11.40-12.40: OPEN SESSION A (Linguistics): Arbitration and Politics

Chair: Marina Dossena (University of Bergamo)

11.40-12.00: Giuliana Garzone (State University, Milan)

Sharing knowledge and expertise on social networking sites: arbitration and mediation on Web

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12.00-12.20: Denise Milizia (University of Bari)

A synchronic and diachronic perspective of Knowledge Dissemination in UK politics

12.20-12.40: Discussion

LABORATORIO LINGUISTICO

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13.00-15.00: Lunch at Caffè Concerto

# **AULA MAGNA**

15.00-17.00: PLENARIES: Visual information, trust and linguistic analysis in the digital era

Chair: Gabriella Del Lungo (University of Florence)

15.00-16.00: Magnus Jiborn (Lund University) – In search of the climate filter bubble

16.00-17.00: **Josef Schmied** (Chemnitz University of Technology) – *Popular digital knowledge dissemination platforms*:

aspects of academic writing from Wikipedia to Academia.edu

17.00-17.40: Coffee Break