Conference "Linguistic and Social Aspects of Hate Speech in Modern Societies"

23-24 November 2020 New Date: 22-23 March 2021

Odense, Denmark

Hate speech and offensive language is a widespread phenomenon in modern societies. Hate speech can be roughly defined as any communication that attacks individuals or groups "on the grounds of 'race', colour, descent, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, language, religion or belief, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation and other personal characteristics or status" (Council of Europe 2016). However, still relatively little is known about the linguistic and communicative mechanisms underlying the expression and perception of hate speech.

This conference aims to fill in a few of these gaps and shed light on various linguistic and social aspects of current manifestations of hate speech, providing an international forum for researchers working in the field.

It is organized by the members of the Velux-project "Towards Balance and Boundaries in Public Discourse: Expressing and Perceiving Online Hate Speech (XPEROHS)".

Invited speakers:

Jonathan Culpeper (Lancaster University)
Jörg Meibauer (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)

Call for paper

We invite contributions concerning all linguistic and social aspects of hate speech, **including** but not limited to:

- the use, imagery and evolution of slurs
- metaphors, tropes and narratives used in hate speech discourse
- cognitive aspects and stereotypes
- perception and acceptability norms of hate speech
- hate speech corpora: compilation, annotation and evaluation
- target-specific aspects of hate speech based on religion, ethnicity, gender, caste etc.
- pedagogical aspects, educational media and school policies
- the role of social media in the dissemination of hate messages
- othering as a linguistic vehicle of discrimination
- cross-language and cross-cultural comparisons
- party policies and the political dimension of hate speech
- philosophical aspects of hate speech
- legal aspects of hate speech

We invite extended abstracts for long talks (800 word abstract) or short abstracts for shorter talks (400 word abstract). Long talks will be allocated a slot of **30 minutes plus 10 minutes for discussion.** The shorter ones are limited to **15 minutes plus 5 minutes for discussion.**

As a rule of thumb, long abstracts should report concluded or substantial research and contain some evaluation, while short abstracts can be used for ongoing work and pilot projects. Word counts do not include references. When submitting your abstract, you will be asked to state your preference regarding oral or poster presentation. Posters will be displayed throughout the conference day, and there will be a dedicated poster session.

Peer reviewing of conference abstracts will be double-blind. Final full versions of accepted papers are due only after the conference and will be published in a proceedings volume.

All contributions must be submitted anonymously, in pdf format, through the on-line conference system. Please make sure not to reveal author names on the title page or through self-references.

Submission deadline: ~~Monday, 18 May 2020~~ **New Date: Monday 16 November 2021**

Submission link: https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=lshsms2020

There is no conference fee!

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For further information see: http://xperohs.sdu.dk/conference/

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