

First Circular

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Call for papers

The aim of the present conference is to bring together researchers with a range of views on humour and politics. The relation of humour and politics is definitely not a straightforward one. The central question that could be raised here is whether humour influences politics and shapes both political figures and political acts. Furthermore, we would like to draw the attention on what actually happens whenever humour occurs in political settings or is used to refer to political affairs.

We welcome contributions on humour in political speeches, humour in political campaigning and political conferences, humour in parliamentary debates, humour and democracy, humour and leadership, military humour, humour in totalitarian societies, humour in wartime, political humour in the media, translation and political humour. In order to meet these objectives, the organizers invite contributions from both linguistic and related non-linguistic disciplines such as political studies, sociology, philosophy, media studies, cultural studies and psychology. The elaboration of joint methodological frameworks is strongly encouraged. Contributions from empirical studies are most welcome.

There will be a special panel on Humour, Politics & the Media.

The program of the conference will include plenary lectures, parallel sessions, roundtable works and discussions. Further details concerning the program as well as accommodation and registration will be available in the Second Circular on <http://www.lit.ugal.ro/>.

Submissions

The main conference sessions will involve 40 minute talks (30 minutes + 10 minutes for discussions) and poster presentations. Contributions can focus on results from completed as well as ongoing research, with an emphasis on novel approaches, methods, ideas, and perspectives. Presentations should describe original, unpublished work. The number of submissions is restricted to one single-authored submission and one submission in co-authorship. Selected papers will appear in a printed volume.

Dissertation session

We are hoping to hold a special session that will give students the chance to present recent Ph D or MA dissertations. The dissertations must be completed by the time of the conference. The talks in this session should provide an overview of the main original points of the dissertation; the talks will be 20 minutes, followed by a 10-minute discussion time. Submission of abstracts: deadline for submitting abstracts is **May 30th, 2009**.

Abstracts of 350-500 words should be sent to politicalhumconfr-at-email.com. Acceptances will be sent out by **June 15th, 2009**. If you have any queries concerning submissions, please contact the organizers at the email address indicated above.

Contributions will be accepted in English, French and Romanian.

Participation fee

- ISHS member 35 EURO
- Regular participant 45 EURO
- Romanian participants 190 RON
- Ph D or master student 10 EURO

Connected events

Academic book display.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Galați.

On behalf of the Organising Committee,

Dr Diana E. Popa