



## ONLINE CONFERENCE

# *Evidentiality in language and discourse*

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

Ever since Chafe and Nichols' (1986) seminal work, evidentiality has become an expanding research area defined as the study of linguistic means indicating the source of information in an utterance.

Research in this field has known a diversity of approaches and perspectives depending foremost on the grammatical system of the language taken into consideration. Accordingly, while evidentiality can be defined as a grammatical category in languages where information source is encoded in the verbal system (Willett, 1988, Aikhenvald, 2004), other researchers view it as a universal semantic or pragmatic category (Cornillie, Marín-Arrese & Wiemer, 2015). Nonetheless, the tendency of certain lexical markers to grammaticalise undermines the binarity referred to above, and situates evidentiality at the boundaries of *grammar* and *lexicon*. This new perspective enhances research within this continuum (Cornillie, 2007), hence opening ways to cross-linguistic analyses.

The relationship between evidentiality and epistemic modality has been closely looked into and the interplay between the two still calls for further research. Within a restricted approach, some linguists view the two as distinct linguistic areas, whereas others opt for a more comprehensive perspective on evidentiality as integrating epistemic modality (Dendale & Tasmowski, 2001).

Envisaged either as a subcategory of epistemic modality (Papafragou, 2000) or as encompassing it (Palmer, 1986), the concept of evidentiality becomes more complex when delineating it from the competing French counterpart *médiativité* (Lazard 1956, 1996,

Guentchéva, ed., 1996, 2004, Dendale & Tasmowski, 2001, etc.) or when analysing its boundaries with the concept of mirativity (DeLancey, 2001, Montaut, 2004).

Not in the least, the fact that evidentiality permeates such phenomena as stance, subjectivity, first-person experience opens the path to further exploration on evidential markers propensity to convey speaker's (non-)commitment. Relatedly, the question of linguistic markers accounting for an evidential interpretation under certain co(n)textual conditions or encoding polysemantic evidential values have been under scope, yet still calling for further investigation within a diachronic or/and a cross-linguistic approach.

We invite submissions of paper proposals for an event which aims at bringing together in the digital world scholars, researchers, lecturers with the aim of disseminating the latest scientific findings in the area of evidentiality, but also with the intention to recall results of scholarship in this field up to the present moment (state-of-the-art). We welcome contributions featuring empirical, methodological and theoretical approaches addressing the following topics:

- evidentiality vs epistemicity
- boundaries between evidentiality and *médiativité*
- evidential markers vs evidential strategies
- direct vs indirect evidentiality
- grammaticalisation of evidential lexical markers
- evidentiality and stance taking
- argumentative role of evidential marking
- evidentials and normative frameworks of argumentation theory
- evidentials as metadiscourse devices
- rhetoric use of evidentials

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## **Language| of the event: English**

### **Key dates and registration**

1 February 2022 - 30 April 2022 – Abstract submission

15 May 2022 – Notice of acceptance

16 May - 6 June 2022 – Registration

1-2 July 2022 – Conference

### **Abstract submission**

Please send your abstract (300-500 words, 3-5 keywords, selected bibliography) for a 20 min presentation including name, position, affiliation, email address for all authors. Use Times New Roman 12pt font size, single-spaced.

The proposal should be in English, address the topics proposed, and mention methodology and (expected) research results.

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### **Conference organization**

The conference is intended to be held entirely online.

### **Publication**

Following peer-review evaluation, a selection of papers is intended to be published with an international academic publisher.

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