



Call for Papers

International Conference EUROPHRAS 2027

Phraseology and its Interfaces with other Disciplines

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Phraseology as an Interdisciplinary Field

As the – extensive and multi-layered – international phraseology research of recent decades has shown, the area of language that consists of conventionalised and idiosyncratic word combinations (e.g., *Love is blind.*, *to bite the dust*, *The Great War*, *Peace be with you.*) has a special potential for theoretical, conceptual and methodological differentiation. In the course of the history of research, phraseological word combinations have already been studied from the perspective of **stylistics** (cf. Charles Bally's *Traité de stylistique française*), **lexicography** (cf. the research of Patrick Hanks, for example), **cognitive linguistics** (think of the studies of Elisabeth Piirainen and Dmitrij Dobrovol'skij on conceptual metaphors in idioms and other phrasemes), **corpus linguistics** (cf. the works of John Sinclair and Rosamund Moon) and **(L1 and L2) language teaching** (cf. e.g., the work of Peter Kühn and Stefan Ettinger). Inextricably linked to phraseology are **morphosyntactic**, **pragmatic**, **variety linguistic**, **psycholinguistic** and – last but not least – aspects of **construction grammar**.

This diversity is due to the partly unfinished theorisation of the object of research, which entails a certain terminological and conceptual heterogeneity. It also stems from the linguistic nature and extralinguistic aspects of the phrasemes themselves. For example, combinations such as *Love is blind* and *to bite the dust* present a whole bundle of linguistic anomalies that affect the form and content side and can be studied from a wide variety of perspectives. Likewise, a look at the

now very extensive typology of conventionalised word combinations reveals that phraseological phenomena have an effect on all levels of linguistic organisation and that their analysis is potentially compatible with all sub- and sister disciplines of linguistics – including, for example, **translation studies, terminology, computational linguistics** and **forensic linguistics**. From a non-linguistic point of view, phrasemes as conventionalised means of expression of language communities, cultures and societies also exhibit characteristics that make them relevant, e.g., for **cultural studies** (cf. *The Great War, Peace be with you.*), **medical humanities, psychology, sociology, ethnology, history** and other possible fields.

Goals & Working Formats of the Conference

The EUROPHRAS Conference 2027 is aimed at all researchers who are interested in **investigating possible interfaces between phraseology and other fields**, whereby the term “domain” is to be understood here in a broad sense and – according to the examples mentioned above – is not only applied to linguistic approaches and theories (e.g., construction grammar, valency theory, speech act research) or to sub-disciplines of linguistics (syntax, pragmatics, language variation, etc.) but expressly also includes other sciences that may have so far been little or less associated with phraseology. The aim is not only to shed light on interdisciplinary approaches to phraseology itself, but also to enable an **exchange between representatives of different research directions** (also addressing researchers who may have been dealing with phraseological topics without explicitly linking to phraseology research in their previous research activities). The focus of the conference should not be on questions such as those of the exact delimitation of the object of research in phraseology or its position within linguistics; rather, the focus should be on the **creative exploration of possible points of contact with other scientific fields and on the identification of possible research gaps**.

In addition to (1) **paper presentations**, (2) a **poster session** and (3) a **demo session**, there will also be (4) **workshops** on specific topics (see below).

Abstract Submission

Abstracts for **paper presentations, posters** or **demos** (presentation of new book publications since 2025, new digital tools such as software, corpora, websites, etc.) may address the interfaces between phraseology and other linguistic or non-linguistic areas listed below.

The following list is an **open and non-exhaustive catalogue** that primarily serves as orientation and inspiration and can be supplemented by other interface areas. Proposals for contributions can be assigned to several (listed or unlisted) interface areas at the same time.

Interfaces with other (traditional or newer) linguistic sub-disciplines, currents and approaches, such as:

- Phraseology & Morphology
- Phraseology & Syntax
- Phraseology & Semantics
- Phraseology & Construction Grammar
- Phraseology & Corpus Linguistics
- Phraseology & Computational Linguistics / Natural Language Processing
- Phraseology & Text Linguistics
- Phraseology & Discourse Linguistics

- Phraseology & Pragmatics
- Phraseology & Sociolinguistics
- Phraseology & Media Linguistics
- Phraseology & (Meta-)Lexicography
- Phraseology & Specialised Communication and Terminology
- Phraseology & Dialectology and Areal Linguistics
- Phraseology & Research on Minority Languages
- Phraseology & Language Contact Research and Migration Linguistics
- Phraseology & Historical Linguistics
- Phraseology & Language Change Research
- Phraseology & Contrastive Linguistics
- Phraseology & Conversation Analysis and Interactional Linguistics
- Phraseology & Multilingualism Research
- Phraseology & Linguistic Landscape Research
- Phraseology & Language Typology
- Phraseology & Universals Research
- Phraseology & Political Linguistics
- Phraseology & Language Policy and Language Planning
- Phraseology & Literary Linguistics
- Phraseology & Theolinguistics
- Phraseology & Cognitive Linguistics
- Phraseology & Emotion Linguistics
- Phraseology & Psycho- and Neurolinguistics
- Phraseology & Forensic Linguistics
- Phraseology & Clinical Linguistics
- Phraseology & Language Acquisition Research
- Phraseology & Research on Easy and Plain Language

Interfaces with linguistics-related disciplines, such as:

- Phraseology & Language Teaching Research
- Phraseology & Translation Studies and Translation Didactics
- Phraseology & Literary Studies and Literature Didactics
- Phraseology & Anthropology
- Phraseology & Ethnology and Sociology
- Phraseology & History and Archaeology
- Phraseology & Arts and Musicology

Interfaces with genuinely interdisciplinary research fields, such as:

- Phraseology & Cultural Studies
- Phraseology & Communication Studies
- Phraseology & Digital Humanities
- Phraseology & Crisis Studies
- Phraseology & Film Studies
- Phraseology & Gender Studies
- Phraseology & Humour Studies
- Phraseology & Medical Humanities
- Phraseology & Ritual Studies
- Phraseology & Advertising Research

The **languages of presentation** are **German, English, French, Spanish** and **Italian**. In terms of content, however, contributions can deal with any language(s).

The format of the paper presentations is **20 minutes' presentation plus 10 minutes' discussion**.

Important note: The conference will **take place exclusively as a face-to-face event** (no online presentations).

INFORMATION ON ABSTRACT SUBMISSION (**from 15 September 2026**):

- LENGTH: **approx. 500 words** (without title and bibliography)
- BIBLIOGRAPHY: **at least 3 and a maximum of 10 bibliographical references**
- LANGUAGE: Abstracts must be written in the **language of the presentation** (German, English, French, Spanish, Italian).
- INTERFACE(S): Selection of **at least 1 and a maximum of 5 interface range(s)** for each abstract (including one additional, unlisted area you may add)
- ONLINE SUBMISSION PORTAL: Please submit abstracts through **ConfTool** (more information to follow).

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: **15 November 2026**

REVIEW PROCESS: Each abstract will be **reviewed anonymously by at least two members of the Scientific Committee** in a peer-review process.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE REVIEW RESULTS: **31 January 2027**

Workshops

The following three workshops will take place at the EUROPHRAS Conference 2027:

Workshop 1 – PhrasaLex IV: Phraseological approaches to lexicography

Workshop 2 – Phraseology and multimodality

**Workshop 3 – How to Identify Formulaicity in Second Language Learning:
Insights into Different Theoretical and Methodological Approaches**

Detailed descriptions of the workshops can be found on the conference website at:
<https://www.uibk.ac.at/en/congress/europhras-2027/conference-programme/> > Workshops

The three workshops serve as **platforms for practice-oriented discussions of the interfaces between phraseology and specific linguistic or non-linguistic areas**. They provide insights into the interdisciplinary nature of phraseology and into the potentials of cross-fertilisation between phraseology and other disciplines.

The overall **goal of each workshop** is to bring together experts from different fields at the intersection of phraseology, to promote knowledge exchange among interested researchers, and **ideally to develop a joint statement** on one or more aspects of a specific area of interest for the EUROPHRAS community and beyond.

The **format of the workshops** is planned as follows:

- introduction and definition of the practical goals by the workshop leaders;
- introductory keynote by an expert;
- group work and discussion on selected topics and research questions;
- optional elaboration of a final statement on the state of research, desiderata and the future of the respective interdisciplinary field.

Any preparatory materials will be provided by the workshop leaders in good time.

When registering for the EUOPHRAS conference, you may apply for a place in **up to two workshops**. Owing to limited capacity, **no more than 30 participants** will be accepted per workshop. Once the registration period has closed, participants will be officially informed of the outcome of the selection process and subsequently contacted by the workshop convenors to coordinate all collaborative activities in advance. Upon confirmation of a workshop place, participation becomes **binding**.

Conference Fee

The **rates for conference participation** are as follows (both for participants with and without a paper or poster presentation or a demo):

1. **Members of the EUOPHRAS Society:**
EARLY BIRD (until 31 March 2027): €100
FULL RATE (from 1 April 2027): €150
2. **Non-members of the EUOPHRAS Society (regular fee):**
EARLY BIRD (until 31 March 2027): €150
FULL RATE (from 1 April 2027): €200
3. **Students (incl. PhD students):** €70

The **conference fee includes** the conference documents, all coffee breaks as well as the city tour and the reception including a buffet on the first evening.

Conference website: <https://www.uibk.ac.at/en/congress/euophras2027/>

We look forward to welcoming you to Innsbruck in 2027!

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