The reviewing process of the International Conference on Word Classes has now come to an end. The number of submitted abstracts exceeded our expectations by far, which means that the topic of the conference raised a lot of interest, but also that a number of good papers had to be rejected. In order to limit the number of rejected papers, we decided to increase the number of available slots for oral presentation and to introduce a poster session.

The Organising Committee wants to thank all those who submitted an abstract for making this selection procedure so compelling and the members of the Scientific Committee for their invaluable work.

Here follows the final list of the papers to be presented at the conference. The final programme will be published soon together with registration information.

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**Conference preliminary programme**

* The papers are ordered by author.

**Keynote speakers**

- **Christian Lehmann**, *The nature of parts of speech*
- **Alessandro Lenci**, *Carving Italian verb classes from corpora*
- **Beth Levin**, *What is the best grain-size for defining verb classes? (tentative)*

**Presentations**

- **Luca Alfieri**, *Tipologia aggettivale e strategia di codifica del modificatore*
- **Bruno Cartoni**, *Between Adjectives and Nouns: Formalisation and Use of Relational Adjectives*
- **Denis Creissels**, *Between nouns and adjectives: the emergence of a new word class in Southern Bantu languages*
- **Eva Dekany** and **Aniko Csirmaz**, *Hungarian classifiers*
• Claudia Fabrizio, *What does a noun converted to verb mean? A semantic hypothesis about Italian denominal verbs from conversion.*
• Livio Gaeta, *Thoughts on decategorization*
• David Gil, *Word Classes in Roon*
• Maurizio Gnerre, *Huave adpositions: from functional categories to adjective-like roles*
• Nicola Grandi, Malvina Nissim and Fabio Tamburini, *Noun-Clad Adjectives. On the adjectival status of non head constituents of Italian attributive compounds*
• Maarten Janssen, *Half an Article*
• Elisabetta Jezek, *Verbs of creation*
• Charitini Kallergi, *Total Reduplication in Modern Greek: word-class features and word-class change*
• Françoise Kerleroux, *Deduction of the common properties of abstract deverbal nouns and property deadjectival nouns*
• Peter Lauwers, *Between adjective and noun: category/function mismatch, constructional overrides and coercion*
• Martina Nied and Anna Pompei, *Phrasal verbs, prefixes and word order*
• Sebastian Nordhoff, *Similarity thresholds and the number of word classes*
• Rossella Pannain and Anna Riccio, *What Word Class do Number Words belong to? A Syntax-Semantics Interface Analysis*
• Aranzazu Pascual Ortiz, *Esistono i verbi pro-complementari?*
• Paolo Ramat, *Reflections on word classes*
• Pawel Rutkowski, *Demonstrative Pronouns vs. Personal Pronouns in Polish Sign Language*
• Galit W. Sassoon, *A cognitive root for a word class distinction*
• Raffaele Simone and Francesca Masini, *Light nouns*
• Julie Louise Steele, *Tinkering with Syntactic Categories*
• Giulia Venturi, *Word classes and morphosyntactic annotation schemes. Shadows and lights in the existing part-of-speech tagsets for the Italian language*

**Poster presentations**

• Giorgio Francesco Arcodia, *On some issues pertaining to the Chinese adjective*
• Olga Boriskina, *Noun cryptotypes as covert word classes*
• Annibale Elia, Mario Monteleone, Daniela Vellutino, Simona Sabatino and Federica Marano, *Strutture sintagmatiche e semantiche per il riconoscimento di polirematiche terminologiche*
• Efi Lamprou and Jean-Louis Vaxelaire, *The subclass of proper nouns: how can we define it?*
• Anna Orlandini and Paolo Poccetti, *Polifunzionalità e transcategorialità delle particelle di coordinazione in latino*
• Irene Russo, *Classifying adjectives: relational meanings, bifunctional lexical items and qualifying exploitations*
• Anna Sores, *On the borders of neglected classes: from preverbs to "satellites" via adverbs and particles*
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Important dates

- Definitive programme: January 20, 2010
- Registration open: January 25, 2010
- Registration deadline: March, 15, 2010
- Conference: March 24-26, 2010

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