Word Classes
Nature, typology, computational representations
Second TRIPLE International Conference
March, 24-26, 2010
First circular
Call for papers
The vitality of research on word classes is a major aspect of current linguistics in several of its articulations. It is likely and desirable that new horizons open and that the various perspectives interlace to increase our knowledge in this field of research.

In this framework, the TRIPLE Laboratory organizes a 3-day
International Conference on Word Classes
with the goals of

• Fostering a balanced evaluation of what is being done in the field of Word Classes research;
• Gathering and discussing original pieces of research;
• Fostering the links between distinct disciplines concerned with the field.

The conference will be held in Rome, Italy at the Roma Tre University, March, 24-26, 2010. Official conference languages are English and Italian. A registration fee is being considered.

Keynote speakers will be:

• William Croft (Southwestern University)
• Alessandro Lenci (Università di Pisa)
• Beth Levin (Stanford University)
• Thomas Stolz (Universität Bremen)

We now invite the submission of abstracts of original papers for approx 12 presentations of 40 minutes each (30 minutes for the talk plus 10 for the discussion). Should the accepted submission exceed the indicated number of slots a reduction of talking time will be considered.

Abstracts are supposed to address one or more of the following topics:
• Word classes and sub-classes: particularities, criteria of definition, exemplification
• Word classes and constructions
• Syntactic and semantic properties of word classes (e.g. external structure of words, semantic representation of word classes)
• Continua between classes (verbs with nominal features, nouns with verbal features, adjectives and verbs, etc.)
• Neglected or scarcely studied word classes (prepositions, conjunctions, etc.)
• ‘Possible’ and ‘impossible’ words
• Typological and comparative analyses of word classes and word class systems
• Computational representations and recognition algorithms for all the above topics

Abstracts must not exceed 2500 characters (short bibliography included) and must be sent electronically in both word and pdf format to

triple@uniroma3.it

They must respect the following constraints:

• To be anonymous: name(s) of authors, e-mail address(es) and affiliation(s) must be indicated in the body of the e-mail.
• The associated bibliography must avoid any reference to a recognizably high number of author(s)’ works.
• E-mail subject has to be only “Word Classes abstract submission”.

Submitted abstracts will be evaluated by an international refereeing committee on a double-blind review basis. The members of such a committee will be made known in the second circular.

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Important Dates/Deadlines

- Abstracts accepted from September 15, 2009
- Abstract submission deadline November 15, 2009
- Notification of acceptance December 15, 2010
- Definitive programme January 10, 2010
- Registration open January 15, 2010
- Registration deadline March, 15, 2010
- Conference March 24-26, 2010

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