

Second call: **Conference – Language as a form of Action**  
21- 23 June 2017, [Rome, Italy](#)

### **Abstract Submission is now open!**

The [DComm](#) Project in collaboration with ISTC-CNR and [Gest\\_lan\\_d](#) Project are pleased to announce the *Conference “[Language as a Form of Action](#)”* to be held in the [Sala Convegni](#) of CNR (Piazzale A. Moro), Rome Italy, June 21-23, 2017.

We invite abstracts (information on submission below) that address any aspect of the study of gesture and Sign Languages, including but not limited to the following research themes:

- multimodal language acquisition and development
- the cognitive and neural underpinnings of gesture and/or sign
- the contribution of gesture to language production and comprehension
- the role of gesture in situated language use
- sign and gesture: continuity and discontinuity
- linguistics of sign languages
- the emergence of sign languages in a historical context
- neurolinguistics/psycholinguistics of sign languages

We welcome papers on any aspect of bodily communication and are open to all theoretical and disciplinary perspectives.

### **Conference Language**

The conference languages will be English, International Signs and Italian Sign Language. Sign language interpreters (International Signs and Italian Sign Language) will be available.

### **Abstract submission**

For submission authors should use the two provided pdf templates for author information and abstract. These files should be submitted as separate .pdf files:

1. [Authors information template](#): should be renamed with the name of the first (presenting) author
2. [Abstract template](#): should be renamed with the first two words of the title of the presentation

Both files should be sent to [DComm.eu@uea.ac.uk](mailto:DComm.eu@uea.ac.uk)

Please, specify subject as “Submission - Language as a form of Action”.

- Abstracts should be no more than 500 words, not including references, and should be limited to text (i.e., no figures).

- Abstracts must report previously unpublished work. Abstracts should include a clear statement of the theoretical issue to be addressed, the research methodology to be presented, and a concise summary of the findings/conclusion.
- Maximum of 4 references may be included in the abstract.

Only one submission will be accepted by the same first-author and a maximum of 2 co-authored submissions

**Oral/Signed presentations:** oral/signed presentations will be 25 minutes, with 20 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

**Poster presentations:** Posters will be displayed during poster sessions, with ample opportunity for discussion.

**DCOMM Poster presentation (only for Marie Curie DCOMM project):** Posters will be displayed during poster sessions, with ample opportunity for discussion.

A confirmation email will be sent to the first author when the abstract has been received.

Please contact [DComm.eu@uea.ac.uk](mailto:DComm.eu@uea.ac.uk) if you have not received confirmation that your abstract has been received.

### Reviewing procedure

Abstracts will be reviewed anonymously by two referees. The scientific committee reserves the right to reject abstracts. Abstracts not accepted for oral presentations will be considered for poster presentations. Deadline for notification of acceptance is set to **March 31**.

Authors who submit abstracts that are accepted will be required to pay the same registration fee for the conference that all attendees are required to pay. **Since only the abstracts of registered presenting authors will be included in the final programme, we expect that the first author of the accepted abstract will register for the conference by May 15 (i.e., the deadline of the Early Bird registration fee).**

**Registration will open on March 31, 2017**

**Registration fees** (*include 4 coffee breaks, one lunch and a conference welcome bag*)

Registration Type	Standard rate	Student rate
Early Bird (March 31 – May 15)	100 Euros	40 Euros
Regular (May 16 – June 16)	140 Euros	60 Euros

## Important Dates

December 9: Submission Opens  
February 3: Submission Deadline  
March 31: Notification of Acceptance  
March 31: Registration Opens  
June 16: Registration Ends  
June 21 -23: Conference

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General information: [Language as a form of Action](#)

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