

Corpus based and experimental research in SLA. The state-of-the-art and future directions

The workshop “Corpus based and experimental research in SLA. The state-of-the-art and future directions” will be hosted by the 8th Bucharest Colloquium of Language Acquisition (16th-18th November 2023): <https://lls.unibuc.ro/conferinta/bucla-8/>, <https://old.linguistlist.org/issues/34/34-706.html>.

The workshop is aimed at fostering discussions on how learner corpus research (LCR) does and can benefit the second and foreign language acquisition (SLA) research paradigm, complementarily to experimental approaches. We therefore welcome papers presenting both corpus-based and corpus-driven research, as well as reports of experiments, surveys, etc. Contributions may include, but are not limited to the following research directions:

- the combined use of learner corpus data and experimental data in SLA research;
- learner corpus design, collection, annotation, exploitation for testing particular SLA theories;
- error analysis and interlanguage profile at certain stages of SL / FL development;
- differences in the development of learner vocabulary, grammar, pragmatics and cultural appropriateness;
- case studies through contrastive interlanguage analysis (CIA).

We particularly encourage proposals that investigate the acquisition of (relatively) underresearched non-native languages, such as Romanian. Thus, papers exploiting any kind of learner corpus (raw or bespoke, as well as electronic, annotated; “natural” or “peripheral”; big or small, etc.) are acceptable.

Keynote speaker

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Abstract submission

Abstracts, no longer than 500 words (references excluded), in Times New Roman, size 12, will be sent by attachment to: bucla8@lls.unibuc.ro and carmen.vasile@unibuc.ro (Carmen Mîrzea Vasile).

Presentations will be scheduled for 30-minute slots (20 minutes presentation followed by 10 minutes for discussions). The workshop language is English.

Authors may submit up to two first-authored abstracts.

All authors who present in the colloquium will be invited to submit their paper for a volume of selected contributions.

Important dates

Deadline for submissions: July 31, 2023

Notification of acceptance: September 15, 2023

Workshop date: November 16, 2023

Venue: hybrid (University of Bucharest, Romania, and online)

Conference fee

For face-to-face participants

Students: 50 RON/10 euro

Faculty: 150 RON/30 euro

For online participants

Students: 0

Faculty: 75 RON/15 euro

Banking details will be provided to participants after the notification of acceptance.

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