

Call for papers – *Researching and Applying Metaphor (RaAM) 2019*
specialized seminar – ULiège (Belgium) May 16–17, 2019

“Metaphor studies at the intersection of multiple disciplines”

Metaphor is a central component of human cognition and communication. While metaphors can be studied for their own sake from a linguistic perspective as a process of meaning extension at various levels (be it morphological, lexical or syntactical) or as a rhetorical device used in argumentation, metaphor studies have broadened their scope and touched upon many other scientific domains among the cognitive and social sciences. As a result, **metaphors** have become a **central topic** in many disciplines, including linguistics, philosophy, psychology, psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics, communication studies, political science, education science or translation studies.

This diversity in research themes and disciplines is reflected in a variety of **materials** and **methods** that are used to study metaphor. Some of these tools have been used to identify specific metaphorical (or other types of figurative) expressions in spoken and written corpora (MIP(VU), DMIP, HIP) or to see how these metaphors connect to broader patterns of meaning in discourse (Discourse Dynamics Approach to metaphor, Metaphor-led discourse analysis, metaphor scenarios, Critical Metaphor Analysis). Experimental methods have been used to explain how (different types of) metaphors are processed (reaction times, reading times, eye movements) or what their effect can be on representations and behaviours (perception experiments).

Beyond these simple, non-exhaustive yet fascinating observations, **the aim of this seminar is to highlight the intrinsic interdisciplinary nature of metaphor studies, by questioning its cross-fertilization potential**: what kinds of theoretical and methodological insights can metaphor studies bring to other scientific disciplines? Does the contribution of metaphor go beyond the conceptual and linguistic structuring of abstract concepts that are central in these disciplines? Moreover, what can metaphor studies gain from these privileged contact with different disciplines, theoretically as well as methodologically? And above all: do metaphors really matter in our understanding of social interactions?

The seminar will be structured around plenary talks, methodological workshops, themed sessions and general sessions.

Confirmed plenary speakers

Dr. Christian Burgers (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Metaphor Lab Amsterdam)
Dr. Cristina Soriano (University of Geneva, Interfaculty Centre for Affective Sciences)
Dr. Seana Coulson (University of California San Diego)

Confirmed methodological workshops

An introduction to the identification of visual metaphors – Dr. Marianna Bolognesi (Oxford University, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages)

Measuring the effect of metaphors: the use of experimental surveys – Dr. Jérémy Dodeigne (University of Namur, Department of Political, Social and Communication Sciences)

Abstract submission

The seminar is open to all interested metaphor scholars from various disciplines and study backgrounds. Researchers are invited to propose papers and panels (abstract of maximum 350 words, excluding references) between September 20 and November 15, 2018.

You can submit your abstracts via the conference website (raam2019.sciencesconf.org). Additional information regarding the conference is also available on this website. Should you encounter problems during submission, please contact one of the seminar organizers (raam2019@sciencesconf.org).

What can you apply for?

Different kinds of sessions are proposed during the seminar. More specifically, in addition to the plenary talks, researchers can submit papers for general sessions or propose panels for themed sessions.

1. **Individual papers (general sessions):** These papers will be grouped according to their subject and scope and included in the regular programme.
2. **Themed session proposals:** Researchers can propose to organize a themed session. Themed sessions must be structured around the study of metaphor in a given (sub) discipline and/or will deal with a specific method of metaphor analysis. Themed session proposals must include at least 3 papers.

Key dates and deadlines

September 20, 2018	<i>Paper and panel proposals open</i>
November 15, 2018	<i>Paper and panel proposals deadline</i>
December 20, 2018	<i>Deadline for paper and panel proposals to be approved by the organizing committee</i>
February 15, 2019	<i>Academic programme published on the conference website</i>
May 16–17, 2019	<i>RaAM 2019 Seminar held in Liège</i>

In practice

The seminar will take place in Liège, at the **University of Liège, on May 16th and 17th 2019** (University of Liège (www.uliege.be) | City Centre Campus, Place du 20 Août, 7, 4000 Liège). The city of Liège is located 100 km from Brussels National Airport and 90 km from Brussels South Charleroi Airport, and is also close to the Netherlands (30 km from Maastricht) and the south of Germany.

Registration fee

	Senior researchers	PhD students
RaAM members	€130.00	€90.00
Non-RaAM members	€160.00	€120.00

Registration fee includes lunches, coffee breaks, conference bag, one social event and a guided tour of the historical city centre.

Organizers

The seminar is organized by an interdisciplinary research team composed of linguists and political scientists. Any questions? Do not hesitate to send an email to one of the organizers.

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