

## *Call for papers*

University of Zadar, Linguistics Department

International workshop

Zadar, Croatia, 15-17 November 2012

### ***“New perspectives on crosslinguistic influence in language learning”***

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Dear colleagues,

The Linguistics Department at the University of Zadar is pleased to announce the international workshop “New perspectives on crosslinguistic influence in language learning” which will be held from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 2012. This workshop is intended to bring together specialists working on crosslinguistic influence in language learning in order to discuss new perspectives and current issues in this area of research, such as the following (cf. Scott & Jarvis 2008:5):

- studies dealing with the causes, constraints, the selectivity, and directionality of crosslinguistic influence
- investigations on the scope and on different types of crosslinguistic influence (transfer of linguistic structures, socio-culturally shaped patterns of language usage, learning strategies, and others)
- investigations on the implications of the insights into crosslinguistic influence for the teaching and learning of L1, L2, L3 etc. and for multiple language learning in general
- studies dealing with the connection between crosslinguistic influence and linguistic awareness, especially with reference to third language acquisition
- theoretical models that account for different causes, occurrences and manifestations of crosslinguistic influence; theories that explain the influence of cognitive, linguistic and extralinguistic factors in crosslinguistic influence
- studies focusing on the development and the testing of hypotheses concerning crosslinguistic influence on the basis of theoretical models

Contributions to topics like those above, or to other relevant research relating to the phenomenon of crosslinguistic influence in language learning, as well as studies on any language combinations in terms of L1, L2, L3, etc., are welcomed. There are no restrictions with respect to theoretical approaches. The presentations will be 20 minutes in duration, plus 10 minutes for discussion. The language of the workshop is English.

We are pleased to announce that the following specialists will be presenting plenary talks:

**Ulrike Jessner-Schmid** (University of Innsbruck, Austria)

**Gessica De Angelis** (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy)

All those who would like to present their research or just attend the presentations are welcome to participate in the conference. Abstracts of up to 350 words can be submitted via the application form on our website between **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. Registration for participation only (without a paper) is possible between **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012**.

All information concerning the international workshop, together with the registration form and abstract submission instructions can be found on the webpage:

<http://workshop.transfer-in-language-learning.net/>

Please forward this call to other potentially interested colleagues or institutions.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the workshop in Zadar in November 2012.

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