Call for Papers

You are warmly invited to the launch of RapTraC, a series of pluridisciplinary seminars specially designed for early-career researchers and focussed on studying the relationships between work and communication. While the links between language, communication and work have been at the centre of a wide range of scientific work, exchanges between different disciplines may need developing. With this in mind, RapTraC’s objective is to encourage pluridisciplinary discussion on this topic by bringing together researchers and experts of all levels and specialities. In this way, RapTraC aims to help PhD candidates and other young or early-career researchers at Aix-Marseille University to develop pluridisciplinary perspectives.

The first RapTraC seminar will be held on Thursday 11th January 2018, 9am-12.30pm at the Maison de la Recherche, Aix-Marseille University. Our aim is to bring together a large number of young or early-career researchers working on the relationships between language, communication and work at AMU. The morning will include three oral presentations, a number of “flash” presentations – short oral presentations followed by a collective discussion session over coffee – and a round table discussion aimed at helping participants to share and develop the pluridisciplinary aspects of their work.

We are inviting interested parties to submit proposals for the “flash” presentations. Each participant will give a short oral presentation (3-5 mins) during which the central research questions, themes and (where possible) results will be presented. This call for papers is open to all but we particularly encourage young or early-career researchers (including Master’s degree students and those beginning a PhD programme) to submit a proposal. For this reason, participation in a RapTraC seminar will count towards the “scientific training” hours validated by the AMU Doctoral Schools.

Given our commitment to pluridisciplinarity, any research project linked to the relationship between language, communication and work will be considered. However, presentations dealing with the following questions would be considered particularly relevant:

- What is the role of language in workplace communication?
- What is the place of language in other forms of professional communication (in any of its diverse interpretations)?
- How does language constitute a professional tool?
- Which linguistic or communicative skills are required in different professional environments?
- How does language or communication contribute to the way in which work is organised?
- How is language moulded and formed by its use in professional settings?
- How can communication be used as a tool to improve individuals’ quality of life at work?
Proposal Format

Communication proposals should be sent by email attachment to the addresses below. This document (.pdf, .odt or .doc) should include the title of the proposed presentation as well as a 200-300 word abstract. The deadline for proposal submission is November 30th 2017. Notification of acceptance will be sent no later than December 7th 2017. Presentations may be given in French or in English and proposals should be written in the language of presentation.

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