

Cognitive Linguistics: Bridging Society, Language and Economics

Dear colleagues,

The articles in this issue reflect the main scientific results of the III International research and practice conference “Linguistics of Distancing: Power of Language and Modern Realities”, held on January 26–27, 2023, by the Department of Foreign Languages and Intercultural Communication of the Faculty of International Economic Relations at the Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation together with the Faculty of Philology of Lomonosov Moscow State University, Minsk State Linguistic University, Republic of Belarus, under the auspices of the Russian Association of Teachers of the Russian Language and Literature.

The conference was attended by more than 1,000 people from 31 countries: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Georgia, Iraq, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Moldova, Pakistan, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Uzbekistan, the USA, Yemen. The Russian participants represented 51 regions of Russia, including the new regions of the Russian Federation. University lecturers and instructors from more than 170 leading Russian and foreign universities, as well as from colleges, secondary schools, vocational schools, and employees of ministries and the private sector took part in this challenging event. The conference papers selected for this issue present valid research findings not only by the Russian authors representing Moscow, Perm, Irkutsk, Naberezhnye Chelny, but also by those from China, Turkey and Venezuela.

The twenty-first century has marked the beginning of changes in the life of all humankind, as language is now becoming one of the main drivers of change. In current geopolitical circumstances, it is especially important to ensure a constructive international scientific dialogue. In this context, understanding the role of language as an instrument of soft power of the state, its influence on people's thinking is of particular importance.

A special feature of modern scientific knowledge is its interdisciplinary character. There is no doubt that the study of language and its role and place in the economy and society is no longer reserved exclusively for linguistic studies. In this regard, the presented results are of interest not only to linguists, but also to a wide range of researchers as they describe how discourse shapes society and the individual, changes his thinking, frame of mind and actions.

The articles cover a variety of topics at the intersection of linguistics and political science, neuropsychology, cultural studies, economics, and IT. The authors address the most topical issues relating to the understanding of ‘cancel culture’ as a new discourse practice within Russian society, the peculiarities of studying and developing a ‘road map’ of cultural linguistics in current conditions, understanding cultural linguistics and a linguistic worldview from the perspective of neuropsychology. A significant body of works is devoted to different aspects of the interaction between language and society and the role of language in various political phenomena and events. Thus, digital communication in public administration is analyzed by using a stylistic discourse approach followed by studying the role of phraseology in the English press, the language of the US media as an instrument for destabilizing the political regime in Venezuela, and the reflective possibilities of language in choosing the “word of the year”.

We believe that the results of these studies will not only contribute to the development of the Humanities, but will also interact with a broad interdisciplinary context and become the foundation for a productive scientific dialogue.

Sincerely yours,

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