

## **CHRONOS 15:**

### **15th International Conference on Actionality, Tense, Aspect, Modality/Evidentiality**

**Université de Toulouse Jean Jaurès, 29-31 May 2024**

#### General description

**CHRONOS** is a series of international conferences dedicated to current research on the semantics and pragmatics of tense, aspect, actionality, and modality/evidentiality and also their morphology and syntax. The **CHRONOS** conferences welcome presentations from scholars who conduct linguistic research on diverse languages from different perspectives and within varied theoretical frameworks. PhD students are most welcome to submit their papers.

Previous **CHRONOS** editions took place in Dunkerque (1995), Bruxelles (1997), Valenciennes (1998), Nice (2000), Groningue (2002), Genève (2004), Anvers (2006), Austin (2008), Paris (2009), Birmingham (2011), Pise (2014), Caen (2016) and Neuchâtel (2018). The 15th edition of **CHRONOS** will be held in **Toulouse**, at the Université Jean Jaurès, **from 29th to 31st May 2024**. All presentations will be delivered in English or French.

**CHRONOS 15** aims to be a green and sustainable conference.

#### Invited speakers

**Daniel Altshuler**, University of Oxford, UK

**James Bednall**, Charles Darwin University, Australia

**Pier Marco Bertinetto**, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy

**Lera Boroditsky**, University of California San Diego, USA

**Janice Carruthers**, Queen's University, Belfast, UK

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## Call for papers

We invite presentations exploring the semantics, pragmatics and morphosyntax of temporal, aspectual, modal and evidential linguistic devices, approached from any descriptive, theoretical, experimental or comparative angle. Within this broad field, **we encourage submissions bearing on the following topics:**

- **TAME markers in under-represented languages:** what tools, methods, and concepts are used? how do researches conducted on under-represented languages challenge and impact dominant theories of TAME?
- **Diachronic and diatopic variation of TAME markers** (in Romance languages, European languages and beyond): what main changes are observed? what are the emerging grammaticalization paths? what relations can be established between diatopic and diachronic variation?
- **Temporality and discourse coherence:** what interactions can be observed between temporal structure and discourse coherence? what is the contribution of temporal adverbs and temporal connectives to discourse interpretation?
- **Temporality and orality:** what are the specific mechanisms of temporal expression in “oral texts” (conversations, oral literature, life stories, voice messages, etc.) as compared to written texts?
- **Analysis of TAME markers based on parallel corpora:** what insights do we gain from a corpus-based language comparison on the system of TAME markers? what resources and tools are or should be made available for the systematic exploration of parallel corpora?
- **The expression of TAME in the visual modality:** what are the TAME markers in Sign Languages? what formal devices are employed to enable temporal interpretation in depicted narratives? What methods and theoretical frameworks can be deployed to analyze those devices?
- **The future between time and modality:** what is special to the future *vis-à-vis* the past and the present which sets the former apart from the latter and makes it so that the future is often a hybrid category between tense and modality? What are the grammaticalization paths leading to the emergence of future grams from a modal category?
- **Time and cognition:** to what extent the specific properties of linguistic systems can influence the conceptualization of time? Can we find any invariants in mental representations of time across languages and cultures?
- **TAME and First Language Teaching:** what do linguistic theories contribute to Language Teaching? What are the challenges arising from teaching TAME?

**CHRONOS 15** will also be an occasion to pay a **tribute to Co Vet**, who recently passed away, whose work has left a deep imprint on the linguistic study of tense in French. We plan a **special session featuring talks inspired by Co Vet’s researches on tense** and thus encourage submissions that may fit into this session.

## Submission information

**Anonymized abstracts** (in **PDF format, 2 pages, references included, 12 pt font, single spacing**) for 20-minute presentations, followed by 10-minute discussion, should clearly spell out the research question(s) and the methodology used in the research, and briefly summarize the results achieved. Please, provide **2-3 keywords** indicating the relevant TAME area and specify if you wish to give your **talk in-person or in virtual mode** (hybrid session).

To submit an abstract, go to the page: <https://chronos15.sciencesconf.org/submission/submit>

## Important dates

**Submission of abstracts (deadline):** ~~15 November 2023~~ **30 November 2023**

**Notification of acceptance:** 15 February 2024

**Registration:** 1-30 April 2024

**Conference:** 29-31 May 2024

## CHRONOS 15, a sustainable conference

Like most human activities, scientific conferences have a negative impact on our environment, no matter how virtuously they are organized. However, we can limit this impact by adopting certain strategic measures, in line with the current trend to adapt research practices to the needs of a sustainable world.

For a sustainable **CHRONOS 15**, we plan to take the following actions:

- To propose a part of the conference in hybrid mode, which will allow for travel-free participation (including for invited speakers).
- To encourage participants who will be traveling to Toulouse to use green transportation modes that minimize carbon emissions (thus favoring trains over flights/personal vehicles whenever possible).
- To encourage participants who will be flying to Toulouse to colocate their participation to **CHRONOS 15** with a research visit in a Toulouse laboratory or a nearby one.
- To propose vegetarian food at every meal, limiting non-vegetarian food as much as possible, to choose local organic products, to avoid disposable tableware whenever possible.
- To reduce to a minimum the purchase of material to be distributed to participants.
- To propose hotels and other accommodation facilities that are committed to reduce their carbon footprints.
- To calculate and communicate the carbon footprint of the conference.

## Practical information

**Conference website:** <https://chronos15.sciencesconf.org/>

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