

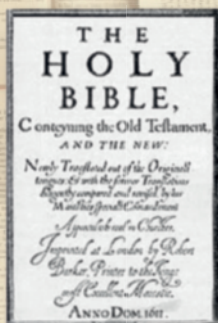
# SLIN19 | 8-10 MAY 2025

International Conference on the History  
of the English Language

## Socio-political Instability and Language Change (1300-1900)

Coro di Notte “Giancarlo Magnano San Lio”

Dipartimento di Scienze Umanistiche - Università di Catania





## THURSDAY, 8 MAY

**14:00**     **Registration**

**14:30**     **Welcome Addresses & Opening Remarks**

**Francesco Priolo**

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**Maria Caterina Paino**

Head of the Department of Humanities

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**15:00**     **Plenary 1**

*Chair: Giuliana Russo*

**Jonathan Culpeper** (Lancaster University)

*Words, Words, Words: Explorations of a Socio-Political Kind  
in the Arden Encyclopedia of Shakespeare's Language*

**16:00**     **Coffee Break**

**16:30**     **Session 1:  
Socio-political (In)Stability, Language Change,  
and Translation over Time**

*Chair: Valeria Di Clemente*

**Marina Dossena** (University of Bergamo)

*Enforcing Political Stability (?) through Language Change from Above:  
Or, Nihil Novum*

**17:00**     **Nicholas Brownlees** (University of Florence) **and**  
**Mairi McLaughlin** (University of California, Berkeley)  
*Translation and Language Change in the Final Years  
of the English Republic (1655–1659)*

**17:30**     **Letizia Vezzosi** (University of Florence)  
*The Apocalypse according to Times: Some Observations from the  
British Library Harley MS 874*

**18:00**     **Gloria Mambelli** (University of Verona)  
*Landholding in a Multilingual Age of Transition:  
A Lexicographic Analysis of Middle English Vocabulary*

**19:00**     **Light Dinner**

## FRIDAY, 9 MAY

09:00

### Plenary 2

*Chair: Giovanni Iamartino*

**Matylda Włodarczyk** (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań)  
*The (Un)Deserving and the Able-Bodied: Interlinking Sources on the Underprivileged Social Groups in the Late Modern Period*

10:00

### Session 2: Socio-political Instability and Diatopic Variation in Late Modern Times

*Chair: Gabriella Mazzon*

**Massimo Sturiale** (University of Milan)  
*Provincial and Colonial English Accents in the Late 19th-Century Language Debate: A Socio-Political Perspective*

10:30

**Giulia Rovelli** (University of Bergamo)  
*"Canada's Alternatives": Socio-political Instability and the Development of Metalinguistic Awareness in Canada, 1791-1900.*

11:00

### Coffee Break

11:30

### Session 3: Representations of Socio-political Instability and Language in Literature and the Press

*Chair: Elisabetta Lonati*

**Polina Shvanyukova** (University of Udine)  
*"And the masses were converted into a lawless mob...": The reporting on the 1877 Great Railway Strike in American press*

12:00

**Eleonora Natalia Ravizza** (University of Milan)  
*The Impact of the Mesopotamian Campaign on the Linguistic Construal and Discursive Negotiation of Arab Identities: Gertude Bell's 'The Arab of Mesopotamia'*

12:30

### Light Lunch

14:00

### Session 4: Italy in the 19th Century: British Perspectives on Politics, Language, and Identity

*Chair: Manuela D'Amore*

**Christina Samson** (University of Florence)  
*Listen to the Voice of the Italian People! The Unification of Italy and Social wellbeing Propaganda in Letters to the Editor*

## FRIDAY, 9 MAY

14:30

**Isabella Martini** (University of Florence)

*Towards the Unification of Italy.*

*Italian Secret Societies in 19th-Century British Press: News and/or Propaganda?*

15:00

**Laura Tommaso** (University of Eastern Piedmont)

*"There will arise a distinction of the noble and the ignoble in style":*

*Attitudes to-wards the Italian Language in 19th-Century English Travelogues*

15:30

**Coffee Break**

16:00

**Guided Tour: Acicastello–Acitrezza**

20:15

**Conference Dinner**

## SATURDAY, 10 MAY

09:30

**Session 5:**

**Cultural Transformations and Linguistic Evolution in Early Modern England: Religion, Aging, and Culinary Influences**

*Chair: Alessandra Vicentini*

**Angela Andreani** (University of Milan)

*Lexical Change through the English Reformation: Religious and*

*"Linguistic" Terminology*

10:00

**Elisa Ramazzina** (University of Insubria)

*Aging Bodies, Aging Societies: Metaphors of Longevity and Instability in Early Modern English Texts (17th-18th c.)*

10:30

**Marco Bagli** (University for Foreigners of Perugia) **and**  
**Fabio Ciambella** (Sapienza University of Rome)

*From Italy with Love: (Post-)Reformation, Maritime Trades, and the Italian Influence on English Culinary Practices in Early Modern England*

11:00

**Coffee Break**

11:30

**Closing Remarks and Business Meeting**

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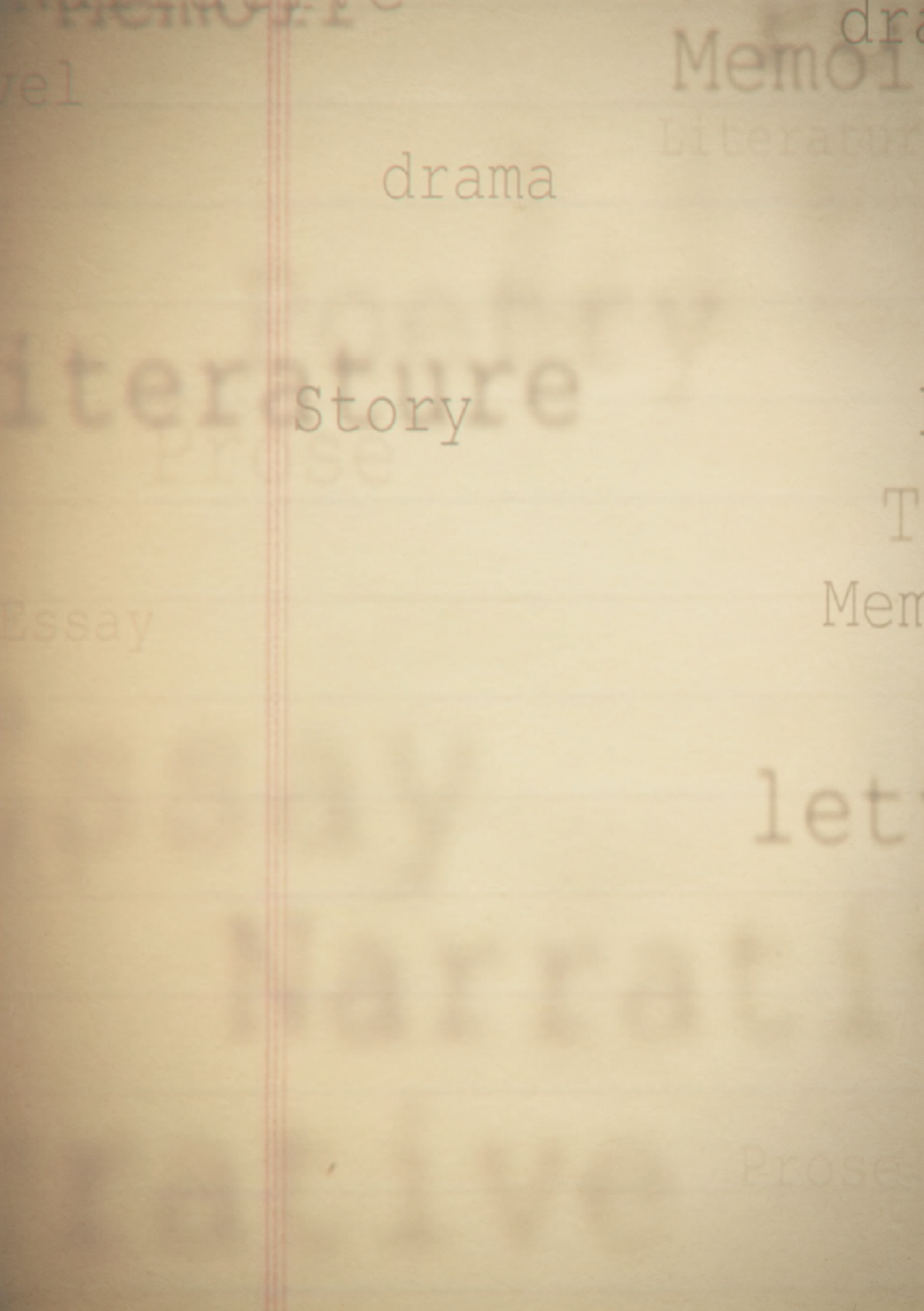
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