

## **2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Figurative Thought and Language (FTL2)**

The Symposium will gather scholars from different backgrounds with an interest in cognitive linguistics, cognitive science and neuroscience, and the philosophy of the mind with a view to promoting interdisciplinary and intercultural dialogue, to enhancing the study of figuration in different languages and cultures from a theoretical and an applied perspectives and through diverse methodologies (e.g., experimental protocols, cross-linguistic comparison, synchronic and diachronic analyses, translation, corpus studies), and to fostering the dissemination of research results. More specifically, the Symposium seeks to probe into the interface between figuration and various areas of linguistic investigation, such as discourse, inferential pragmatics, genre, grammar, semantics, morphology, as well as the language of emotions, arts, economics, education, law, medicine, natural science, philosophy, politics, psychology and psychotherapy.

The Symposium will bestow the FTL Young Researchers' Award (FTL-YRA) upon three deserving young researchers, who must be doctoral candidates or doctoral graduates within the five years prior to 30 June 2015. The papers must be an original unpublished investigation dealing with figuration. The Young Researcher Award Committee will select three papers based on scientific quality, originality, significance of the contribution to the field, and clarity. The best paper will receive a certificate of recognition and a monetary prize of 300 euros; the second and third finalists will receive a certificate of recognition and a book from John Benjamins.