

On the 13th May 2021, the University of Silesia in Katowice hosted an online student conference titled “Communication in the context of cognitive linguistics”, addressed to the undergraduate and postgraduate students from the Faculty of Humanities. The conference was organised by the Student Cognitive Linguistics Group, supervised by Barbara Taraszka-Drożdż, PhD and mentored by prof. Grzegorz Drożdż, under the project “One University – Many Possibilities. Integrated Program”. The event was held under the auspices of the Polish Cognitive Linguistics Association. Our special guest, prof. Agnieszka Libura (University of Wrocław), delivered a plenary lecture.

The main objective was to provide students from different programmes, beginners in the field, with an appropriate platform to share their research, exchange ideas, and get to know other cognitive linguistics enthusiasts. The majority of the presentations were concerned with different facets of metaphorical language. Among others, the presenters discussed conceptual metaphors in politics, in the language of children, metaphors connected with the pandemic, and synaesthetic metaphors. One of the issues was also the problem of metaphor translation in different languages. The figurative dimension of the conference was boosted by talks on conceptualisations of feelings in memes and humour-induced frame-shifting in cartoons. Apart from that, papers on grammar were read.

Also, at the initiative of the Polish Cognitive Linguistics Association, a contest for the best presentation took place. At the first stage, the best five abstracts were selected. Out of them, the scientific committee chose Łukasz Cuber as the winner.

The conference website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/415439969779802/>

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