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Call for Papers: *The Linguistic Space of Young People*

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The language of young people has been the object of a notable series of linguistic analyses, both of a descriptive type, aimed at highlighting the specific traits of the communicative uses of the younger generations, and of a linguistic-educational type, the latter often inserted in a broader debate on the presumed crisis of skills and training models.

The pandemic crisis has given rise to new demands on the linguistic and communicative skills of all social groups in response to new relational scenarios (online communication). Young people have been involved in an exceptional way on the level of the management of formative processes, but also on that of the expression of personal creativity and the symbolic construction of spaces of life and identity.

A study on the language of young people today cannot disregard the effects of the pandemic situation, which seems to constitute a watershed for social life and for the lives of individuals also in relation to expressive tools, both verbal and non-verbal.

The journal "Constellations" invites proposals for contributions in view of the monographic issue 25, October 2024, dedicated to the theme *The linguistic space of young people*. The thematic areas are at least the following.

- a. The languages of young people. Social media: young people and hate speech. The forms of artistic expression: Italian, other languages, non-verbal languages at the time of the pandemic and - hopefully - of the post-pandemic.
- b. Languages in the pathways of identity construction. The pandemic and the rediscovery of interiority. The words of silence. The words of the new sacred.
- c. Languages in migration paths. The linguistic effects of neo-emigration. The linguistic-educational issues of the children of new immigrants abroad.
- d. The new language education, between online and new skills. The assessment of the multilingual competencies of younger generations.
- e. Identity and language skills of new speakers within a migrant context.

The themes can be analyzed from various perspectives. Other possible proposals of objects of study that contribute to defining a new reading of the linguistic issues of the younger generations will also be welcome.

Each essay must not exceed 40,000 characters, including abstract, notes and bibliography.

- Closing date for call for papers, submission of titles and abstracts: 6 May 2022
- Notification to Authors of acceptance of proposals: 6 June 2022
- Delivery of texts to the Editor (complete texts with abstracts, keywords, bibliography): 2 June 2023
- Period of evaluation of texts (double-blind refereeing): 5 June 2023 - 9 October 2023
- Notification to Authors about final text approval: 16 October 2023
- Delivery of evaluated and finalised texts to the editorial board: 30 April 2024

Essay proposals (title, abstract and brief bibliography of references) must be sent (by May 6, 2022), including a short biography of the author (max. 50 words) and own email address to: barni@unistrasi.it