

Call for Contributions:
Interdisciplinary Workshop on Language and Trauma
10th to 12th of March 2027, Siena/Italy
with the theme



Kaleidoscopes: Stories of women, trauma and survivance

We have the honor to be joined for a public lecture by **Carol Djeddah** ([Ethnopsychotherapeut](#), Rome) and for a public reading by **Igiaba Scego** ([Author](#) of *Cassandra a Mogadiscio*, Rome).

The workshop aims to investigate the proposed theme from different interdisciplinary perspectives: linguistics and language studies, narrative and literary science, ethnopsychology and ethnopsychiatry as well as therapy. We are looking forward to contributions that address

- intersectional and feminist approaches to trauma and language(s),
- experiences from speakers in marginalized positions,
- multidimensional analysis of the intersections of trauma, language and gender,
- ...

The meeting language is mainly English, with translations for the keynotes being provided from Italian to English or vice versa. Feel free to provide slides and abstracts in English and use Italian or other languages in your contributions. We aim to raise funding so that we can provide translation from Italian into English for a limited number of presenters who prefer to present only in Italian.

Participation

Please send us your expression of interest until the ~~30th of April~~ **15th of May 2026**:
trauma@heteroglossia.net

- (1) Title and short abstract (about 200 words),
- (2) Short bio (about 100 words, potentially including your website or references to published works)

There is no participation fee. Travel and accommodation have to be covered individually. We are aiming to provide partial travel support for early career and part-time employed participants. Please include whether you would like to apply for such funding in your message.

Organisation and Venue

We are planning an on-site event, with the possibility of hybrid participation (though we cannot guarantee access to all parts of the program for online participants at this point). Practical information on the venue will be provided in summer 2026 – Siena can be reached by train or international flights via Florence, Pisa or Rome.

Conveners and Contact

[Tiziana de Rogatis](#) (Università per Stranieri di Siena/University for Foreigners of Siena) and [Eva-Maria Thüne](#) (Università di Bologna) with [Judith Purkarthofer](#) (Essen), [Brigitta Busch](#) (Vienna) and [Marcelyn Oostendorp](#) (Stellenbosch)
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Information on the earlier workshops: <https://heteroglossia.net/Language-and-Trauma.142.0.html>
Virtual Book table: <https://heteroglossia.net/Resources-and-virtual-book-table.150.0.html>