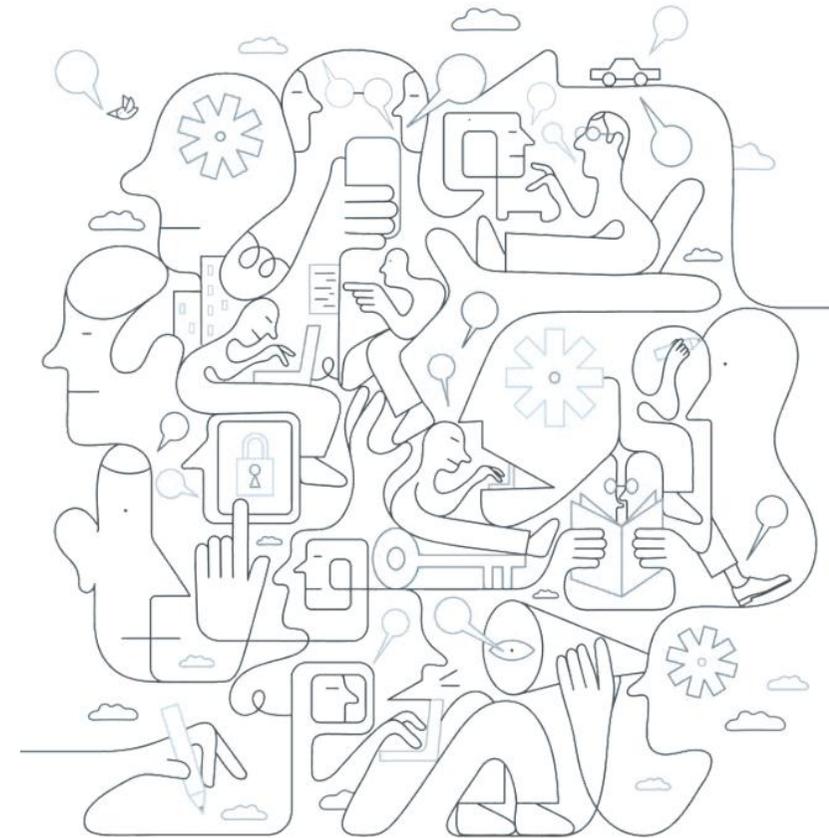# PROGRAMME

Critical Language Awareness for Sustainability, Solidarity and Inclusion

WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2026

8:45 INTRODUCTION BY THE ORGANISERS

9:10 KEYNOTE 1 by Joke Daems (Ghent University): *Bias & Binaries: Gender in Language and Translation Technology* - Room: Ned Kahn

10:00 COFFEE AND TEA BREAK

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10:30	STREAM 1 *Rania Habib* From Liberation to Legitimation: Critical Language Awareness of Sectarian Narratives in Post-Revolutionary Syria	STREAM 2 *Iiris Nuutinen* The linguistic framing of animal agency in Parliamentary discussions	STREAM 2 *Thomas Franck* "Energy Transition" is not Degrowth. Unveiling the Ideological Underpinnings of Techno-solutionist French-speaking Media Discourse (2020-2025)	STREAM 1 *Luc Hoang, Elisa Robbe & Alexandra Sanchez* Listening in/to the Global South: Sound, Accessibility, and Belonging from Vietnam to the Caribbean	STREAM 2 *Matt Drury* Workshop: What's behind your slides? Critical Language Awareness in action
11:00	STREAM 1 *Agnese Ughetti* Critical Discourse Analysis of Green Claims in the Textile Industry: Guidelines for Uninformed Consumers	STREAM 1 *Melody Yunzhu Chen* Metaphor as Testimony: Adolescents' Discursive Framing of Their Lived Experiences of Sexual Violence	STREAM 2 *Nevena Manic* The Voice of Water: Selective Agency Attribution in Serbian Media Discourse		
11:30	STREAM 2 *Linde Draaisma* Climate Change Realities and Ontological Imaginaries of Governance Institutions on the Great Barrier Reef	~~STREAM 2~~ ~~*Laura Narisano*~~ ~~A Pillar for the Future or a Fad Diet? Competing Metaphors in Media Sustainability Coverage~~	STREAM 1 *Ulrike Vogl; Maria Nikijuluw* Media Representations of the Banda Genocide and Jan Pieterszoon Coen in ndonesian and Dutch Newspapers (1970-2025)	STREAM 1 *Inge Misschaert* Read & meet! The perks of in depth reading and readings	STREAM 2 *Maria Pilar Uribe Silva, Erika Darics, Rik Van Noord, Malvina Nissim*

12:00	*Take some time to discover our complementary activities: get sketched, adopt a tortoise, add a leaf, leave a line, create a story,…*	*Take some time to discover our complementary activities: get sketched, adopt a tortoise, add a leaf, leave a line, create a story,…*	**STREAM 2** *Luca Brigada Villa & Chiara Zanchi* Perceived Sustainability: Web Search Trends and Social Media Debates in the Decade 2015-2025	with authors for students in secondary education	Spotting Deceptive Language in Sustainability Reports

12:30 LUNCH

13:30 KEYNOTE 2 by Stef Craps (Ghent University): *From Apocalypse to Earthrise: Stories That Make Climate Matter* - Room: Ned Kahn

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14:30	**STREAM 1** *Elijah Lazar* Crisis as a Strategy of European Union Migration Governmentality	**STREAM 2** *Merlijn Verduin* Towards an Ecopoetics of Ambiguity; Rethinking Environmental Mourning at the Crossroads of Hope and Hopelessness	**STREAM 1** *Lucie Niclaes* Was it about caring or about resisting? Discursive representations of the postcolonial relationship between Belgium and the Democratic Republic of Congo	**STREAM 1** *Esther Bettney Heidt* From Ideology to Action: Designing Equitable Language Policy in Practice	**STREAM 1** *Ellen Van Praet, Pablo De Cock, Fien Dewiest, Marie Delegrange* Multilingual Care with AI-Building Trust, Safety and Solidarity through Digital Language Tools
15:00	**STREAM 1** *Mahn Hei Yu* Heritage maintenance beyond Mandarin in the Chinese diaspora: Superdiversity, contested Chineseness, and sanctuary from homeland repression	**STREAM 2** *Simone Wiegman* Retelling Flight Paths: Alternative Imaginaries of Aviation in Surinamese Postcolonial Literature	**STREAM 1** *Andréa Machado de Almeida Mattos* Postmemory and Semiotic Landscapes as Resistance: The Impact of Traumatic Historical Events on Community-based Practices for Social Change		[This workshop consists of two parts - this is PART 1]

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16:00	STREAM 1 *Lotte Remue, Marie Jacobs, Katrijn Maryns* Discourses of truthfulness and narrative standards: a linguistic-ethnographic perspective on helping encounters with asylum seekers.	STREAM 2 *Corpus Navalón-Guzmán* Speaking the Unspeakable? Queer Climate Trauma in Sim Kern's Depart, Depart!	*Take some time to discover our complementary activities: adopt a tortoise, add a leaf, leave a line, create a story,…*	STREAM 1 *Erika Darics* The Inner Development Goals (IDGs) and the transformative potential of language awareness	STREAM 1 *Ellen Van Praet, Pablo De Cock, Fien Dewiest, Marie Delegrange* Multilingual Care with AI-Building Trust, Safety and Solidarity through Digital Language Tools [This workshop consists of two parts - this is PART 2]
16:30	STREAM 1 Evangelia Mourtzanou Victim or Survivor? Identity Construction in victim narratives	*Take some time to discover our complementary activities: adopt a tortoise, add a leaf, leave a line, create a story,…*	Documentary "Duty of Care" by Nic Balthazar (Duty of Care | 11.11.11)		
17:00	Ghent city walk [starts at 17:15]				
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18:00					
19:30	CONFERENCE DINNER				

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2026

9:00   INTRODUCTION BY THE ORGANISERS

9:10   KEYNOTE 3 by Veronika Koller (Lancaster University): *Raising language awareness through critical metaphor analysis: the case of corporate discourse* - Room: Ned Kahn

10:00   COFFEE AND TEA BREAK

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10:30	*Take some time to discover our complementary activities: adopt a tortoise, add a leaf, leave a line, create a story,…*	STREAM 1 *Carmen Pena- Díaz, Candelas Bayón-Cenitagoya & Belén Llopis-Pérez* Language, Power, and Access to Healthcare: Discursive Inequalities in Communication with Migrant Patients at La Paz Hospital	STREAM 2 *Sune Vork Steffensen* Critical Corporeality: Integrating ecolinguistics and eco-Marxism	STREAM 1 *Marcela Huilcán, Maria Mazzoli* Decolonial Critical Language Awareness: Practice-based insights into linguistic research with Indigenous and minoritised languages	STREAM 1 *Sylvia Liuti, Martina Morbidini* Campaigning for gender-sensitive language in online environments: strategies and lessons learned from the GenderED Coalition project
11:00	STREAM 1 *Mira Wyns, Chloé Lybaert, Sarah Van Hoof* Student Perceptions of Accent Bias and Accent Anxiety	STREAM 1 *Cato Denissen* The Effectiveness of Everyday Linguistic Agency: Reconceptualizing Self-Advocacy Among People with Physical Disabilities	STREAM 2 *Albin Wagener* Narratives of social and ecological transformation: The case of France between 1980 and 2020		
11:30	STREAM 1 *Marta Marcora; Letizia Prostamo; Janina Wildfeuer; Dimitris Serafis* Unveiling multimodal soft hate speech in Mediterranean online news: systematic tools to counter implicit forms of discrimination	*Take some time to discover our complementary activities: adopt a tortoise, add a leaf, leave a line, create a story,…*	STREAM 2 *Aziza Zijlstra* Political Discourses of Extractivism in the Northern Netherlands and Institutional Learning Across a Decade		

12:00   LUNCH

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13:00 *Take some time to discover our complementary activities: adopt a tortoise, add a leaf, leave a line, create a story,…*	STREAM 1 *Paul Sambre* Disclosing a Social Italian Grammar for Efficient Ethics: Framing Resistance in the GOEL Movement	STREAM 1 *Anneleen Spiessens* Migrant Translation and the Making of Urban Space: Cartographies of Belonging in Antwerp's Red Star Line Museum	STREAM 1 *Sara Gemelli, Chiara Zanchi* From news discourse to classroom practice: Participatory activities on the representation of femicides	STREAM 1 *Miran Ahn* My invisible neighbour: Social class representation in language learning materials
13:30 STREAM 1 *Elisa Robbe* Audio/visual Counter-narratives of Migration in Mexico: coffee, cinema and radical hospitality	STREAM 1 *Laura Aull* CLA Analysis of "Bad Grammar"	STREAM 1 *Artur Urbaniak* Sociolinguistic Dimensions of Social (In)justice: JEDI in the U.S. Presidential Inaugural Addresses (1961-2025)		

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15:30	STREAM 1 *Madison Steele; Jan D. ten Thije* Reconstructing language choice and understanding in multilingual meetings at a Dutch university	STREAM 2 *Leina Jucá* The Colonial-Ecological Entanglement: Critical Language Awareness and Ecological Justice in the Brazilian Amazon	STREAM 1 *Shumaila Memon* Textbooks, Gender, and Symbolic Power: Critical Perspectives on English Curriculum in Sindh, Pakistan	STREAM 2 *Joanna Chojnicka, Timo Boom, Letizia Prostamo, Bianca Andrei, Abigail Piltie, Julie Matsuzawa* The Transformative Power of Stories: Introducing An Innovative MOOC Project workshop	STREAM 1 *Aurélie De Waele and inspired students* Language and Crisis Communication: A Critical Language Awareness Lab
16:00	STREAM 1 *Frank van Splunder* From the Ground Up: Grassroots Language Policy in Flemish Higher Education	~~STREAM 2~~ ~~*Jens Fleischhauer*~~ ~~Climate skepticism in German political discourse – argumentative patterns and lexical expressions~~	STREAM 1 *Hanne Verhaegen, Laura Robaey* Are Flemish students open to gender-inclusive language in their foreign language?		
16:30	STREAM 1 *Caroline E. Parker, Esther Bettney-Heidt, Mariana Castro* Codified Power: A Comparative Study of Language Ideologies in Educational Policy	STREAM 2 *Martina Russo* Corpus-Assisted Ecolinguistics and a Grammar of Enchantment in Nature Writing	STREAM 1 *Linde Wille* Mrs. Rabbit, Mr. Rabbit, or Just Rabbit? A Study on Gender and Gender Stereotyping in Animal Characters in Children's Books		

17:00 CLOSING BY THE ORGANISERS

17:30 CLOSING DRINKS

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