



## The Grammar of Causation - II

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

University of Paris la Sorbonne, 25 – 26 may 2018

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After the success of the first international conference on the « Grammar of Causation », a second conference on causality in language will take place in May 2018 at the University of Paris la Sorbonne. This event will not be a continuation of the problems already dealt with in part by the speakers in the Acts ([www.paris-sorbonne.fr/IMG/pdf/Cause\\_Pr\\_Final\\_anglais.pdf](http://www.paris-sorbonne.fr/IMG/pdf/Cause_Pr_Final_anglais.pdf)), but also a series of new conceptual departures.

The conference will tackle the following questions :

-the definition of the « causation », the linguistic phenomena that can be grouped under the banner of the « causation », the distinction « causation / causality » ;

-verbs, adjectives, nouns, adverbs, and other parts of speech which, in a given language, take charge of express the relation of causation : the constraints on their use, the nuances of meaning they induce, the possibility or the impossibility of a strict equivalent in other languages: *povod, pričina, vina, predlog, motiv, rezon, faktor*, etc. (in Russian), *provoquer, susciter, occasionner, origine [être à l'origine de]*, etc. (in French) ;

- the syntactic structures borrowed by the speaker to express the causation - some specific and others that support the idea of causation sporadically, ie depending on the context (*c'est à cause de.. vs c'est la faute de ; cause à vs grâce à*, in French);

-proverbs, sayings and other sententious forms which express the relation of cause and effect, whether by means of connectors or not; national stereotypes and variability (degrees of freedom); possibility or impossibility of translation into other languages of the same family or not;

-pragmatics, especially connectors, but also the expression of the causal relation in the absence of the connectors;

-the causation and related concepts (eg, purpose).

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Send your proposal to [irina.thomieres@gmail.com](mailto:irina.thomieres@gmail.com) indicating: name, first name, academic title, institution, a 400-words abstract (including bibliography). Deadline: March 15, 2018.

Working languages: French, English.

Languages: French, English, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian. For other languages, please refer to us.

The Acts will be published.

Registration fees: 40 euros, PhD students - 30 euros, members of CeLiSo - exempt.

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