

**Call for Papers**  
**LACIM 2024**  
**International Conference**



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**Grammaticalization in Anatolia-Caucasus-Iran-Mesopotamia area**

Paris, December 4-5, 2024

The second international conference organized by the [European network on linguistics and languages of the Anatolia-Caucasus-Iran-Mesopotamia area \(LACIM\)](#) will be held in Paris from 4 to 5 December, 2024. It will be dedicated to grammaticalization in Anatolia-Caucasus-Iran-Mesopotamia area.

LACIM is a European network of linguists engaged in research on the languages of Anatolia, the Caucasus, Iran and Mesopotamia. We are primarily interested in the interplay of contact and heritage that has shaped the region's current linguistic ecology, through millennia of interaction. As such, our research program transcends the boundaries of the different language families that are present in the region and pursues an interdisciplinary approach.

Grammaticalization is often defined as “ ... a process which turns lexemes into grammatical formatives and makes grammatical formatives still more grammatical...”. (Lehmann 2002 [1985]:ix). While grammaticalization is commonly viewed as a type of language change, its extent can vary across different studies and theoretical frameworks. Over the past four decades, research on grammaticalization has expanded to include various cross-linguistic theoretical perspectives (Lehmann 1985 [2015], Traugott and Heine 1991, Heine & Hünnemeyer 1991, Bybee et al. 1994, Newmeyer 1998, Haspelmath 1998, 1999, Bisang et al. 2004, Narrog & Heine 2011, Heiko & Heine 2018, Kuteva et al. 2019), as well as to deepen its language-specific description and analysis (Narrog & Heine 2018, Bisang & Malchukov 2020).

The primary aim of the current conference is to thoroughly explore the grammaticalization clines and sources in the languages of Anatolia-Caucasus-Iran-Mesopotamia from both diachronic and synchronic perspectives, with a particular emphasis on capturing the areal

dimension as comprehensively as possible. Potential discussion topics may include, but are not limited to, the evolution of:

- Adpositions into cases,
- Verbs transforming into auxiliary verbs,
- Information structure in regard with grammaticalization,
- Differential object/subject marking,
- Preverbs,
- Determiners and pronouns,
- Periphrastic constructions,
- Relative clauses,
- Subordinate clauses, etc.

Furthermore, proposals are encouraged on broader topics within the current study of grammaticalization that offer relevant empirical/analytical insights. These might include the inferences from frequency in the realm of the empirical turn in linguistics, or the delimitation between grammaticalization and other types of language change (e.g. reanalysis, metaphoric transfer, metonymic transfer etc.).

### Submission

Proposals must:

- contain at most 1000 words for 30 minute talks, examples included, references excluded,
- be formatted as a PDF,
- include (1) the proposal title and (2) three or four keywords describing the topics of the paper at the top of the proposal,
- be in English or in French,
- submitted via Linguist List at the following link:  
<https://easyabs.linguistlist.org/conference/LACIM2024/>

Submissions are limited to 1 individual and 1 joint abstract per author, or 2 joint abstracts per author.

Please direct questions/concerns to [lacim.conference2024@gmail.com](mailto:lacim.conference2024@gmail.com).

### Timelines

Submission deadline: **June 10, 2024**

Notification of acceptance: **July 10, 2024**

Conference: **December 4-5, 2024**

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## Keynote speakers:

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