PLM2023 Session: (Im)politeness and its many infatuations: Interfaces with other fields

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The secret of the success of (im)politeness theories, lies not only in their continual internal transformations that tie the loose ends (e.g. e.g. Culpeper 2011; Kádár 2011; e.g. Tantucci et al. 2018). Interfaces with other frameworks appear where (im)politeness research has been the strongest (speech act theory; e.g. Kádár and House 2019, House and Kádár 2021; gender studies; e.g. Gardner-Chloros and Finnis 2004; contrastive studies; the new journal *Contrastive Pragmatics*), ritualization; Kádár 2013). However, there is no denying that the field of (im)politeness has been dominated by white Westers Euro-Atlantic researchers working on modern data. This is a pretty regretful situation, but, as we would like to argue, one that may still be changed by bringing together historians and contrastive researchers. Poznań, which is a Central European academic powerhouse, provides an ideal geographical location for this endavour.

The session invites contributions showing mutual influences between (im)politeness and other approaches to language and communication, based on historical as well as on contemporary data. Realising that English has been to a large extent the "playground" of theory-makers in the realm of (im)politeness, in particular in historical research, we invite contributions based on evidence drawn from languages other than English and/or varieties other than standards. Acknowledging the dominant share of major European languages in easily available historical documentation, We emphasise the need to reach for data from other cultural circles and lesser known languages. Both corpus linguistic and qualitative contributions are welcome.

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