



The 18th Edition of the International Colloquium of Language Sciences “Eugeniu Coșeriu” (CISL)

Eugeniu Coșeriu (1921–2002) was one of the most influential linguists of the 20th century. His work had a decisive impact on the development of Romance linguistics and general linguistics. The concepts and theoretical models proposed by Coșeriu—from functional distinctions within language to theories on *norm*, *correctness*, *variation*, and *linguistic change*—have profoundly shaped research directions.

The theme of the current edition of *the International Colloquium of Language Sciences “Eugeniu Coșeriu”*, which will take place at the “Yurii Fedkovych” National University of Chernivtsi (**November 7–9, 2025**) in a hybrid format, is *Coșeriu and the Principle of Freedom*. The proposed research direction aims to explore how the principle of freedom—understood both as the foundation of speech activity, with the human being as “the one who decides on their actions and assumes responsibility for them” (Kabatek / Murguía 2017: 24), and as the basis of linguistic creativity (*energeia*)—structures Coșeriu’s entire body of thought. From this perspective, freedom is not arbitrary; rather, it is self-regulated by internally assumed norms. Creative activity does not begin with externally imposed norms but generates them from within, turning them into reference points for reflection, evaluation, and refinement. Thus, freedom does not stand in opposition to norm, but rather integrates it into a circular process of creation and interpretation.

This edition of the colloquium welcomes contributions that explore the theme of freedom across various fields of research such as linguistics, literature, communication studies, mass media, cinema, or didactics.

We also encourage papers that address the epistemological, hermeneutic, and anthropological implications of freedom within language theories—especially from the perspective proposed by Eugeniu Coșeriu, but also within other contemporary theoretical paradigms in linguistics and the humanities in general.



Participation Guidelines

Participants are invited to submit proposals for oral presentations (20 minutes for the presentation + 10 minutes for discussion).

Abstract Submission

Abstracts (maximum 500 words, accompanied by 5 keywords, institutional affiliation, and preferred participation format: online or in situ) must be submitted by May 31, 2025 to the following email address: catedraram@gmail.com.

Languages of communication: Romanian, Ukrainian, French, English, Spanish.

We look forward to receiving contributions that offer new perspectives on Coșeriu's work, especially in light of the principle of freedom – a central idea that remains insufficiently explored in all its complexity.

Participation Fee

Online participation: 20 EUR. This fee covers access to the colloquium presentations, the costs of editing and publishing the proceedings, as well as other organizational expenses.

On-site participation: 50 EUR. This fee covers access to the presentations, editing and publication costs, the conference folder, and coffee breaks.

In the case of co-authored papers, each author must pay half of the participation fee, depending on the chosen format (online or on-site).

Travel and accommodation expenses (meals and lodging) are to be covered by the participants.

Further information about the event will be available on the [colloquium's website](#) and [pagina de Facebook](#).

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