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**Call for papers – the XII conference of the Nordic Association for Semiotic Studies**

**“Meaning in Perception and the Senses”**

**Vilnius University, 17–19 June, 2021**



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**THE XII NASS CONFERENCE** will be hosted by the Algirdas Julius Greimas Centre for Semiotics and Literary Theory at the Faculty of Philology of Vilnius University in Vilnius, Lithuania.

The conference addresses perception and the senses. Perception and the senses are, for all sentient species, the gateway to the environment and to other organisms and individuals. As such, they are instrumental in comprehending and constructing the world as experienced and lived, and in many respects indistinguishable from semiosis and meaning. This makes their study in semiotics a necessary task.

As a constitutive element of experience and signification, perception and the senses are also an important element in media, cultures, worldviews and histories. Perception and the senses can be construed as a pliable conductor for intermediality, for our imaginaries, and for our bonds to environments and other sentient and sensitive beings as well as ourselves.

This conference focuses on how theories of meaning are positioned vis-à-vis perception and senses. We welcome papers investigating the relations between perception and the senses and a broad range of semiotic concepts – from representation and semiosis to language, signification, modalities and modelling.

**CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS** are Irina Melnikova (Vilnius University), Frederik Stjernfelt (Aalborg University), Irene Mittelberg (RWTH Aachen University), Jacques Fontanille (University of Limoges), and Kay O'Halloran (University of Liverpool).

**ABSTRACTS** are to be submitted in Word files to [nassxiivilnius@gmail.com](mailto:nassxiivilnius@gmail.com) with the subject line "Abstract for NASS XII". Your abstract submission should contain your (1) full name; (2) affiliation; (3) e-mail address; (4) paper title; (5) paper abstract, up to 500 words; (6) 3–5 keywords; (7) short bio note of up to 100 words.

**The deadline** for abstract submission is **15 January, 2021**.

**Notifications** of acceptance will be sent out by **1 March, 2021**.

### **REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE FEE**

In order to register for NASS XII, payment of a conference fee is required.

The **early bird** registration fee is **90€**; the deadline for early bird registration is **1 April, 2021**.

The **late** registration fee is **110€**, and the deadline is **15 May, 2021**.

The fee covers attendance, coffee breaks, lunch, and a conference program booklet.

Part of the fee (30 €) covers NASS membership for the period of 2021–2023.

There will also be a conference dinner, to be paid for separately. We will provide information later on.

### **GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Between 5 to 10 graduate students presenting at NASS XII will be supported financially by the association with 250 € each. The best graduate student presentation will be awarded a prize of 300 €.

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