

English at Political Science

Setting the Scene, Posing the Challenges

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Palazzo Santo Stefano, Sala Consiglio, Piazza Antenore, Padova

9:00 OPENING

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9:30 SESSION 1

Ilaria Moschini

From Political Discourse to Techno discourse: Multimodality, Platform Studies and Media Education in Practice

Paola Attolino

Rewriting the Past to Read the Present: Alternate History and English at Political Science

Federica Ferrari & Anthony Dion Mitzel

Sustainability at Work in the Arena of Teaching English at Political Science

10:50 COFFEE BREAK

11:20 SESSION 2

Emilia Petrocelli & Elisa Ghia

Implementing a Project-Based, Task-Centred Modular Curriculum in Political Science Education

Jacqueline Aiello & Anna Mongibello

Situated, Relevant, and Personalized: An Experimental Study of AI-powered English Teaching in the Social and Political Sciences

Andrea Mayr

Unveiling Power and Ideology in the Age of AI: Critical Discourse Analysis and Its Potential for Critical Language Awareness in the Classroom

Laura Di Ferrante

Collocating Ordinary, Common, Constitutional Law and More. Corpus-based Activities to Learn English for Public Law

13:00 LUNCH

SPGI Department, Palazzo Ca' Dottori, Aula B, Via del Santo 28, Padova

14:30 ROUNDTABLE

Moderators: **Massimiliano Demata & Kim Grego**

Elisabetta Pavan, Caroline Clark, Francesca Helm

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15:30 SESSION 3

Denise Milizia & Marisa Della Gatta

Palestine Between East and West: The War within the walls of the Political Science classroom

Sergio Pizziconi

Peter Thomson, Antonio Guterres, and Frankie the Dino addressing the UN General Assembly: Perceiving and Appreciating Rhetorical Differences

16:20 COFFEE BREAK

16:40 SESSION 4

Giulia Adriana Pennisi

Legal English for Political Science and International Studies

Amy Marie Mc Intire

Pills, Politics and Perlocutionary Acts: The impact of Speech Acts on Autism Policy

Francesca Ditifeci

Europeans and International Relations: Linguistic Analysis

18:00 CLOSING REMARKS



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