

# English at Political Science

## Setting the Scene, Posing the Challenges

### 2nd edition

**University of Padova – Friday, January 16, 2026**

**Palazzo Santo Stefano, Sala Consiglio, Piazza Antenore, Padova**

#### 9:00 OPENING

**Sergio Gerotto**

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**Emilia Fiandra**

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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

**Jaqueline 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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