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Join us in celebrating Mario Brdar's Distinguished Career

Mario stands for ... Mentor, Metonymy, Multimodality

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Dear Colleagues,

The Department of English Language and Literature at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Osijek takes great pleasure to invite you to the colloquium dedicated to

**Professor Mario Brdar,
member of the Croatian Academy
of Sciences and Arts**

who has shaped the minds of countless students during his 40-year tenure with us and who has created a unique network of colleagues and researchers in the field of Cognitive Linguistics.



The colloquium organised on occasion of Mario's retirement is envisioned as a meeting point of his mentees, colleagues and friends who would contribute with their talks to thematic panels focused on topics close to Mario's heart: metonymy, metaphor and Cognitive Linguistics in general.

Thematic panels would have a more or less free form with **15 minute talks** followed by in-depth discussions among a smaller group of experts, which would, hopefully, foster future collaborative research and enable deeper understanding of specific sub-topics:

15 minute talk

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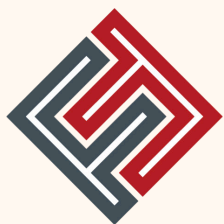
3 panels:

- **Metonymy and metaphor in a review mirror - reflections on metonymy and metaphor research, from the beginning towards their current status in CL**
- **Figurative language, literature, grammar and multimodality - a look at the interplay of figurative language, grammar, culture, literature and imagery**
- **Guided by...- presentation of research supervised by Mario and where it lead us**

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These three panels would be organised in **three sessions** whose structure would depend on the **proposals** of talks to be submitted (in English) **by 15 June 2025** at the latest.

You'll be notified about the tentative **program proposal by 30 June.**

We find that this focused and intimate setting allows for a more detailed exploration of the subject matter and is ideal for exploring complex issues that cross traditional academic boundaries.

Deadlines!

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no fee, no accommodation cost

There is **no conference fee** and food will be catered for by the Organiser.

The **accommodation is free of charge** for the incoming participants, but travel costs are to be covered by participants.

Saturday afternoon would be dedicated to an **excursion** and dinner at a location in Slavonia and Baranja.

Online participation is possible on request.

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There is an opportunity to publish some of the research presented at the colloquium in a **festschrift** for Mario and in a **special issue of *Jezikoslovlje***, the journal that he resurrected and made one of the most respected in Croatian linguistics.

We're also creating a **virtual memory book** and welcome your contributions of photos, letters, video clips or memorable moments.

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conference email

Please submit your talk proposals to **osijek.mario2025@gmail.com** by 15 June 2025 and your memory book materials by 30 June 2025.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Tanja Gradečak, Head of the Organising Committee

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