

XLI International VAKKI Symposium

February 11–12, 2021, virtually in Zoom

1st Call for Papers

Welcome to the XLI symposium of VAKKI ry on February 11–12, 2021! Due to restrictions with respect to large gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the symposium 2021 will be held virtually via Zoom. The virtual symposium is free of charge.

The symposium is arranged under the theme of **Workplace Communication**. Workplace communication comprises many different forms, such as texts, face-to-face meetings as well as digital interaction. The common nominator to these settings is that they are connected with professional roles and identities and interwoven with institutional practices.

The Symposium's keynotes will be on the first day, **Thursday, February 11, 2021**, and the speakers are:

- **Assistant Professor Emma Christensen (Roskilde University) and Professor Lars Thøger Christensen (Copenhagen Business School)**
- **Professor Samantha Warren (University of Portsmouth)**

We now call for **thematic panel sessions** that interconnect for example with the following topics related to workplace communication:

- Working life communication in the context of leadership, management, marketing and technology
- Identities, relationships and interaction
- Multimodality and visuality
- Digital media
- Terminological research and terminology work
- Languages, discourses and communication skills in working life and academia
- Methodological and ethical challenges in the research of working life communication

Topics can be approached from the perspective related to the study of language or discourse, technical communication, organizational communication, strategic communication or teaching of these.

The thematic panel sessions will be arranged on **Friday, February 12, 2021**, with the purpose of providing the participants with the opportunity to exchange ideas and to share practical experiences on focused topics. Please submit your proposal for a **panel session topic** as well as a **description of session format** and **information about possible presenters** (if already known) as attachment (max. 300 words, in .rtf or .doc format) to [symposium\[at\]vakki.net](mailto:symposium@vakki.net) by **October 31, 2020**. Further details on registering and submitting abstracts for presentations in the panel sessions will be provided in the second Call for Papers in the beginning of **November 2020**.

The working languages of the symposium are Finnish, Swedish, English and German. Presenters are invited to submit their papers after the symposium to the VAKKI publication, which is a JUFO 1-level reviewed open access publication. The publication will be published at the end of 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the symposium organisers, [symposium\[at\]vakki.net](mailto:symposium@vakki.net)