The 2017 International Association for Dialogue Analysis (IADA) conference will be held from October 11-14, 2017 at the University of Bologna (Department of Education) and is sponsored by the School of Psychology and Education, the FAM (Fondazione Alma Mater), and the International Association for Dialogue Analysis.

The conference focuses on the role of dialogue or interaction in displaying, maintaining, creating yet also defying the crucial dimensions of the world we live in. This process is particularly at play – although not necessarily noticed – in everyday life. Rather than a context, this phenomenological notion indicates the obvious, routine, quasi-natural quality of most human practices taking place in ordinary as well as institutional contexts. Quoting a well-known formula by John Heritage (1984) yet applying it beyond the micro-level of the hic et nunc discursive environment, we propose to conceive dialogue as “context shaped and context renewing”. Overcoming the “interactional reductionism” (Levinson, 2005) implied in focusing solely on the emergent properties of language use, as well as any simplistic return to sociocultural, psychological an even material determinism, dialogue and interaction are seen as an “intermediate variable” (Ibidem) or faits d'interface (Descola, 2016) connecting the micro-order of everyday life and the macro-order of shared culture and social structure. As Rommetveit put it forty years ago, dialogue is “the skeleton” or “the architecture of intersubjectivity” (1976).

The conference welcomes empirical and methodological papers from different disciplinary perspectives that focus on dialogue and interaction as carriers of, and tools for culture, social organization, moral horizons, identities and change. Theoretical papers are more than welcome insofar as they provide some empirical illustration of the paper’s theoretical point(s).

The conference includes but it is not limited to, the following subthemes:

- **Dialogue and Health** (e.g. dialogue as therapy; dialogue in clinical settings; medical interaction; dialogue in multilingual-multicultural healthcare contexts; dialogue in social work).

- **Dialogue, Justice and Social Change** (e.g. dialogue in policing including interrogations, citizen calls; criminal, civil and administrative law; transidioma and asylum; intercultural institutional talk; social conflicts and Alternative Dispute Resolution practices; family and social mediation; restorative justice).
• **Dialogue and Materiality** (e.g. inter-objectivity; Actor-Network-Theory; things as dialogic entities; humans and non-humans interaction; socio-semiotics; dialogue and technologically saturated environment; the object’s affordances and the user’s agenda).

• **Dialogue and Organization** (e.g. dialogue as an organizing phenomenon; leadership and dialogue; expert-novice interaction; authority and power in organizational communication).

• **Dialogue, Socialization and Education** (e.g. dialogue in friendship and peer culture; family everyday talk; language socialization; classroom talk; dialogue in everyday school-life; assessment as a dialogic practice; teachers-parents conference; L2 learning activities; coaching and training).

• **Dialogue, Text and Language** (e.g. dialogue as text; dialogue in literary texts, CMC and audiovisual texts; text and reader dialogue; textual representations of dialogues; dialogue in advertising, advertising as dialogue; dialogue in propaganda and political speech; grammar, lexicon and cultural norms in everyday talk).

**Deadline: 30 November 2016.**

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