



SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11:30-12:00	Registration/Coffee	In front of Aula, Sala Gorna
12:00-12:30	Opening Ceremony	Aula
12:30-13:30	Keynote	Aula
13:30-13:45	Break	Sala Gorna
13:45-14:45	Paper Session 1	Aula, Room 242
14:45-15:00	Break	Sala Gorna
15:00-16:00	Roundtable Session 1	Aula
16:00-16:15	Break	Sala Gorna
16:15-17:15	Paper Session 2	Aula, Room 242
17:15-19:00	Welcome Reception	Sala Gorna

**Monday, June 1, 2026**

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10:00-10:30	Start/Coffee	Sala Gorna
10:30-11:30	Paper Session 3	Aula, Room 242
11:30-11:45	Break	Sala Gorna
11:45-12:45	Paper Session 4	Aula, Room 242
12:45-14:00	Lunch	Sala Gorna
14:00-15:00	Paper Session 5	Aula, Room 242
15:00-15:15	Break	Sala Gorna
15:15-16:15	Roundtable Session 2	Aula
16:15-16:30	Break	Sala Gorna
16:30-17:30	Keynote (Open Lecture)	Aula

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026**

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:30-9:00	Start/Coffee	Sala Gorna
9:00-10:00	Keynote	Aula
10:00-10:15	Break	Sala Gorna
10:15-11:15	Paper Session 6	Aula, Room 242
11:15-11:30	Break/Coffee	Sala Gorna
11:30-12:30	Paper Session 7	Aula, Room 242
12:30-13:45	Lunch	Sala Gorna
13:45-14:45	Paper Session 8	Aula, Room 242
14:45-15:00	Break	Sala Gorna
15:00-16:00	Keynote	Aula
16:00-16:30	Closing Ceremony	Aula

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026 (Data Analysis Workshop)**

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:30-9:00	Start/Coffee	Sala Gorna
9:00-9:45	Data Analysis Session 1	Sala Gorna
9:45-10:30	Data Analysis Session 2	Sala Gorna
10:30-11:15	Data Analysis Session 3	Sala Gorna
11:15-12:00	Data Analysis Session 4	Sala Gorna

**2026 POSITIONING THEORY RESEARCH CONFERENCE  
MAY 31 – JUNE 3, 2026  
ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY IN POZNAŃ, POLAND**

**PROGRAM**

Sunday, May 31, 2026

<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026</b>
<b>11:30-12:00</b>
<b>LOCATION: IN FRONT OF AULA, SALA GORNA</b>
<b>REGISTRATION/COFFEE</b>

<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026</b>
<b>12:00-12:30</b>
<b>LOCATION: AULA</b>
<b>Opening Ceremony &amp; Welcome</b> <b>Joanna Pawelczyk, Dean of the Faculty of English</b> <b>Local Organising Committee</b>

<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026</b>
<b>12:30-13:30</b>
<b>LOCATION: AULA</b>
<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>Positioning and Positioning Theory Past, Present, and Future: Thoughts on Affordances and Challenges for Research and Analysis</i> <b>Mary McVee</b> <b>University at Buffalo, SUNY</b>

<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026</b>
<b>13:30-13:45</b>
<b>LOCATION: SALA GORNA</b>
<b>BREAK</b>

<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026</b>		
<b>13:45-14:45</b>	<b>Paper Session 1</b>	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>
<b>Location: Aula</b>  <b>Chair: Susan Fields</b>	<b>Location: Room 242</b>  <b>Chair: Katherine Frankel</b>	

<p><b>David Wagner and colleagues</b>, <i>Practice-rooted analytic guidelines for identifying storylines</i></p> <p><b>Sarah W. Beck</b>, <i>Positioning as both object and embodiment of learning in the design of a learning environment for prospective teachers</i></p>	<p><b>Jessica Neri &amp; Antonio Iudici</b>, <i>Constructing Diagnosis in Gender Transition Pathways: Clinical Narratives and Positioning Processes</i></p> <p><b>Aniceta Patricia T. Alingasa-Aguirre &amp; Mira Alexis P. Ofreneo</b>, <i>"Fearless, Powerful, Filipino": Identity Positioning in the Hashtag Activism of #BabaeAko</i></p>
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<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026</b>
<b>14:45-15:00</b>
<b>LOCATION: SALA GORNA</b>
<b>BREAK</b>

<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026</b>
<b>15:00-16:00</b>
<b>LOCATION: AULA</b>
<p><b>Roundtable Session 1</b>  <b>Presenters:</b>  <b>Bernadetta Janusz + Bartłomiej Kruk</b>  <b>Discussants: Pasi Hirvonen + Michael Bamberg</b></p>

<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026</b>
<b>16:00-16:15</b>
<b>LOCATION: SALA GORNA</b>
<b>BREAK</b>

<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026</b>		
<b>16:15-17:15</b>	<b>Paper Session 2</b>	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>
<p><b>Location: Aula</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Zuzanna Jechna</b></p> <p><b>Ashley Houston-King, Susan Fields, &amp; Katherine K. Frankel</b>, <i>Positioning Theory as Design Principle in Constrained Contexts</i></p> <p><sup>a</sup><b>Yuko Hosaka</b>, <i>Positioning Through Lived Narrative: A Historical-Genetic Analysis of Contradictions in Community-Based Practice</i></p>	<p><b>Location: Room 242</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Bartłomiej Kruk</b></p> <p><b>Ewa Glapka</b>, <i>Negotiating Agentic Subjectivity: Integrating Positioning and Stance Analysis in a Study of Hijab Narratives</i></p> <p><b>[All attendees please return to Aula for the second paper session]</b></p>	

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**

**17:15-19:00**

**LOCATION: SALA GORNA**

**WELCOME RECEPTION**

Monday, June 1, 2026

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

10:00-10:30

LOCATION: SALA GORNA

START/COFFEE

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

10:30-11:30

Paper Session 3

Concurrent Sessions

Location: Aula

Chair: Mary McVee

**Kamila Ciepiela & Janusz Badio**, *How "Becoming the Same" Produces "Being Different" The Paradox of Sameness-Difference Dilemma in Turner Syndrome*

**Waldemar Bojakowski**, *Constructing the Future: Discursive Positioning of Experts and Decision-Makers in Future Studies*

Location: Room 242

Chair: Daniel Blixt

**Ole Gmelin**, *"I have to tell you that I am gay" - An investigation of identity construction and negotiation within naturally occurring coming out interactions*

**[All attendees please return to Aula for the second paper session]**

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

11:30-11:45

LOCATION: SALA GORNA

BREAK

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

11:45-12:45

Paper Session 4

Concurrent Sessions

Location: Aula

Chair: Joanna Pawelczyk

**Eline Vanassche**, *Lessons learned from atypical cases of positioning theory research in teacher education*

**Magdalena Perdek & Magdalena Zabielska**, *Extending Positioning Theory to institutional documentary discourse: Autopsy reports as moral-order texts under public scrutiny*

Location: Room 242

Chair: Grace Pigozzi

**Vanessa Dennen & Hilal Ayan**, *Positioning Outreach: Navigating Institutional Priorities and the Public Good*

**Antonio Iudici and colleagues**, *The Positioning of Substance-Using Clients Towards the Host Community: Psychological and Clinical Observations*

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

12:45-14:00

LOCATION: SALA GORNA

LUNCH

<b>MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026</b>		
<b>14:00-15:00</b>	<b>Paper Session 5</b>	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>
<b>Location: Aula</b>  <b>Chair: Katherine Frankel</b>  <b>Daniel Blixt</b> , <i>Positioning as Readers: How Adolescents Navigate Reader Positions Through Storytelling in Group Discussions</i>  <b>Pekka Kuusela &amp; Pasi Hirvonen</b> , <i>Plural subject theory, rights and duties in group-level of action and positioning theory</i>	<b>Location: Room 242</b>  <b>Chair: Vanessa Dennen</b>  <b>Nadine van der Meulen</b> , <i>Digital Transformation, Artificial Intelligence and Occupational Strain in Social Work: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Stress, Coping and Organizational Design Conditions</i>  <b>[All attendees please return to Aula for the second paper session]</b>	

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<b>BREAK</b>		

<b>MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026</b>		
<b>15:15-16:15</b>		
<b>LOCATION: AULA</b>		
<b>Roundtable Session 2</b> <b>Presenters:</b> <b>Anssi Peräkylä + Joanna Pawelczyk</b> <b>Discussants: Pasi Hirvonen + Michael Bamberg</b>		

<b>MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026</b>		
<b>16:15-16:30</b>		
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<b>BREAK</b>		

<b>MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026</b>		
<b>16:30-17:30</b>		
<b>LOCATION: AULA</b>		
<b>KEYNOTE</b> <b>(Open Lecture)</b> <b><i>Reimagining Positioning in the Postdigital Era: Toward an Expanded Conceptual Toolkit</i></b> <b>Alexandra Georgakopoulou</b> <b>King's College London</b>		

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026
8:30-9:00
LOCATION: SALA GORNA
START/COFFEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026
9:00-10:00
LOCATION: AULA
<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>From Discursive Action to Mediated Action: A Multimodal Mediated Approach to Positioning</i> Jarret G. Geenen Radbout University, Nijmegen

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026
10:00-10:15
LOCATION: SALA GORNA
BREAK

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026		
10:15-11:15	Paper Session 6	Concurrent Sessions
<b>Location: Aula</b>  <b>Chair: Mary McVee</b>  <b>Zuzanna Jechna &amp; Agnieszka Kielkiewicz-Janowiak</b> , <i>Position-shifting to reduce responsibility for mental health-related advice on ask-the-expert healthcare websites: A discursive psychological approach</i>  <b>Martina Podboj</b> , <i>Evaluative and Affective Positioning in Online News Headlines: The Case of School Stabbing Coverage in Croatia</i>	<b>Location: room 242</b>  <b>Chair: Ashley Houston-King</b>  <b>Magdalena Kowalska &amp; Mariusz Zięba</b> , <i>Positions towards life course: forms of coexistence of three types of Polish biographical master narrative</i>  <b>Alessandro Siviglia and colleagues</b> , <i>Akrasia as a Dialogical Phenomenon: A Positioning Theory Perspective</i>	

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LOCATION: SALA GORNA
BREAK

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026		
11:30-12:30	Paper Session 7	Concurrent Sessions
<p><b>Location: Aula</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Agnieszka Kielkiewicz-Janowiak</b></p> <p><b>Ovidiu Gavrilovici &amp; Aliona Dronic</b>, <i>Positioning theory informing narrative therapy “maps of narrative practice”. Implications for clinical training, research, and practice</i></p> <p><b>George Williamson and colleagues</b>, <i>Narrating the Post-Revolution: British Envoys in the German Lands, 1815-1819</i></p>	<p><b>Location: Room 242</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Katherine Frankel</b></p> <p><b>Daniel López-Padilla &amp; Ángel García-Morales</b>, <i>When Mitigation Reassigns Authority: Positioning Theory and FTA-Annotated Interpreter-Mediated Talk</i></p> <p><b>Magdalena Zabielska</b>, <i>Positioning the expert and the experienter: Moral and epistemic positioning in illness narratives from specialised medical journals</i></p>	

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LOCATION: SALA GORNA		
LUNCH		

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026		
13:45-14:45	Paper Session 8	Concurrent Sessions
<p><b>Location: Aula</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Michael Bamberg</b></p> <p><b>Pasi Hirvonen &amp; Sisko Piippo</b>, <i>Constructing the Realm of the Possible: Managerial Talk on Technology-facilitated Violence in Human Services</i></p> <p><b>Francesco Sdrubolini and colleagues</b>, <i>Peer Support Workers in Mental Health Care: Plural Positionings Beyond Transformation and Assimilation Dichotomy</i></p>	<p><b>Location: Room 242</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Magdalena Zabielska</b></p> <p><b>René LeBlanc</b>, <i>Developmental Education Literacy Faculty and Hidden Disability: Using Narrative Practice Analysis to Navigate Identity</i></p> <p><b>[All attendees please return to Aula for the second paper session]</b></p>	

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026**

**15:00-16:00**

**LOCATION: AULA**

**KEYNOTE**

*Positioning Theory at a Crossroads: Decline, Reinvention, or General Social Theory*

Luk Van Langenhove

Vrije Universiteit Brussel

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026**

**16:00-16:30**

**LOCATION: AULA**

**Closing Ceremony**

**Local Organising Committee**

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 (Data Analysis Workshop)

<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026</b>
<b>08:30-09:00</b>
<b>LOCATION: SALA GORNA</b>
<b>START/COFFEE</b>

<b>9:00-9:45</b>
<b>LOCATION: SALA GORNA</b>
<b>Data Analysis Session 1</b>
<b>Grace Pigozzi</b> , <i>Discourses, perception, and positioning: Analyzing a collaborative self-study of literacy scholars in Cuba</i>

<b>9:45-10:30</b>
<b>LOCATION: SALA GORNA</b>
<b>Data Analysis Session 2</b>
<b>Henry Kamio</b> , <i>Moving on with My Life; Past Relationships</i>

<b>10:30-11:15</b>
<b>LOCATION: SALA GORNA</b>
<b>Data Analysis Session 3</b>
<b>Margaret Averbach</b> , <i>Qualitative Research Exploring Young Females' Identity Navigation</i>

<b>11:15-12:00</b>
<b>LOCATION: SALA GORNA</b>
<b>Data Analysis Session 3</b>
<b>Zhehan Zheng, Mary McVee, Jingning He</b> , <i>Social Force Without Intent: Positioning AI as a Quasi-Agent in Triadic Classroom Interactions</i>

