

Program of the Conference on Love Studies

Keynote presentations are 45 minutes, including questions.

Presentations at the thematic sessions are 15 minutes, including questions.

Some tweaks in the program are still possible if they are really necessary. Please follow these small updates in December.

Date	Time	Event
2 Jan	19:00 -	Welcome reception
3 Jan	9:00 - 9:30	<i>Opening of the International Conference on Love Studies!</i>
	9:30 - 10:15	What Is Love Anyway? <i>Victor Karandashev, Aquinas College, Michigan, USA</i> (In-person presentation)
	10:15 -11:00	Love as a Complex Conceptual Category , <i>Zoltán Kövecses, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary</i> (Online presentation)
	11:00 -11:20	Coffee break
	11:20 – 12:20	<p>Thematic session: Love in Modern Social Communication</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shared Beliefs on Love in Everyday Life: A Cultural Consensus Perspective, <i>Saida Heshmati, Claremont Graduate University, United States</i>, (In-person presentation) 2. The partner(s) and the nation – The passion and peril of the appropriation of romantic love in patriotic propaganda discourse in Contemporary China, <i>Kailing Xie, University of Birmingham, UK</i>, (In-person presentation) 3. Towards a Political Account of Love, <i>Philip McKibbin, The University of Sydney, Australia</i>, (Online presentation) 4. Love-less Lives, Isolated Minds: The Epistemic Fallout of Incels, <i>Leah Ritterfeld, University of Vienna, Austria</i>, (In-person presentation)
	12:20 – 13:05	<p>Thematic session: Love, Marriage, and Family in Cultural Contexts, Part 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to Love Here: Iraqi Yazidi Refugee Marriage Decisions in Germany Amidst Forced Assimilation and Legacies of Dispossession, <i>Allison Stuewe, University of Arizona, United States of America</i>, (In-person presentation) 2. What's love got to do with it? Descriptions of understanding love in the Kathmandu valley, Nepal, <i>Renee Ford, Aarhus University, Denmark</i> (Online presentation) 3. Agapic Love, Gender Friction, & Fertility Decline in South Korea, <i>Alex Nelson, University of Indianapolis, USA</i>, (In-person presentation)
	13:05 – 14:05	Lunch (self-arranged)
	14:05 – 15:05	<p>Thematic session: Literary Studies of Love, Part 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Roma' Spelled Backwards: Love and Heterotopic Space in Contemporary Romance Novels Set in Italy, <i>Francesca Pierini, Asian University for Women, University of Regensburg, Bangladesh, Germany</i>, (In-person presentation) 2. "As your lover describes you, so you are": Tracing the intertextuality of romantic love in Jeanette Winterson's early fiction, <i>Dóra Szokolyai, University of Szeged, Hungary</i>, (In-person presentation) 3. A New Vision of Romantic Love through the Power of Fifty Shades: A Self-Discovery Manual on Love, Sex and Eroticism, <i>Cathaysa Santana-Rodríguez, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain</i>, (In-person presentation)

		4. Exploring the Diversity of Polygamy and Monogamy in Romance Novels: A Literary Examination of Complex Love Dynamics, <i>Nakeesha Seneb, New England College, MFA Student, USA</i> , (Online presentation)
	15:05 – 16:05	Thematic session: Philosophy of Love, Part 1 1. The Nature and Identity of Romantic Love and Friendship Love, Simon Stromer, LMU Munich, Germany, (In-person presentation) 2. Love's Biological Function and its Social Construction: Enemies to Partners, <i>Milan Ney, CUNY Graduate Center/Oxford University, United States/United Kingdom</i> , (Online presentation) 3. Love and Causation: The Metaphysical Background of the Differences in Ibn Sina's and Aristotle's Godly Love, <i>Heide König, Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich, Germany</i> , (In-person presentation) 4. Causes and Reasons: When Love is Arational, <i>Arina Pismenny, University of Florida, USA</i> , (Online presentation)
	16:05 – 17:05	Thematic session: Psychology and Neurobiology of Love 1. How much does it hurt? Individual differences in subjective and cardiac responses to romantic rejection, <i>Frederik van der Veen, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands</i> , (In-person presentation) 2. Addicted to the Beloved? A Comparison of Craving for and Attention to Beloved and Vape Stimuli, <i>Caitlyn Harriman, University of Missouri - St. Louis, USA</i> , (Online presentation) 3. Romantic love, distraction, and task performance, <i>Sandra Langeslag, University of Missouri - St. Louis, United States</i> , (Online presentation) 4. Phenotypes of romantic love, <i>Adam Bode, Australian National University, Australia</i> , (Online presentation)
4 Jan	9:00 – 9:45	Are We a Pair Bond Species: What Do American Fundamentalist Polygamous Communities Reveal? <i>William Jankowiak, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA</i> (In-person presentation)
	9:45 – 10:30	Do You Really Want a Superior Partner? The Paradox of Romantic Equality? <i>Aaron Ben-Ze'ev, University of Haifa, Israel</i> (In-person presentation)
	10:30 – 11:15	Thematic session: Love in Popular Culture 1. Facets of Love: A Pragmatic Analysis of Family Discourse in American TV Series, <i>Valentina Rossi, eCampus University of Novedrate, Italy</i> , (Online presentation) 2. Kings of the Damned: Exploring the Complex Masculinities of Pop Culture Icons, <i>Nazlin Shakir, Drew University, USA</i> , (In-person presentation) 3. Love Alamat. Love, Alamat: Explicating Multi-Layered Narratives Involved in Loving a Pinoy Pop Boy Group, <i>Andrea Anne Trinidad, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines</i> , (Online presentation)
	11:15 – 11:35	Coffee break
	11:35 – 12:35	Thematic session: Literary Studies of Love, Part 2 1. Leonard Cohen: The Duty of Lovers, <i>Ken Fuchsman, University of Connecticut, United States of America</i> , (In-person presentation) 2. There is no happy love, <i>Willie van Peer, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany</i> , (In-person presentation)

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. "The Love Song of J. Alfred of J. Alfred Prufrock", When Love Is Verbally Constructed - A Cognitive Poetics Analysis, <i>Radhia Krid, College of Arts and Humanities of Sfax, Tunisia</i>, (Online presentation) 4. Unspeakable Desires: Maternal Love, Guilt and Subjectivity in Mary Dorsey's 'When You're Asleep', <i>Irene Lens-Fernández, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain</i>, (Online presentation)
	12:35 – 13:35	Lunch (self-arranged)
	13:35 – 14:20	<p>Thematic session: Philosophy of Love, Part 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conceptual Analysis of Love from the Perspective of Philosophy of Well-Being, <i>Takanobu Watabe, Kyoto University, Japan</i>, (Online presentation) 2. One way to get around the issue of loving a socio-political other, <i>Anthony Greenaway, n/a, United Kingdom</i>, (Online presentation) 3. A Kierkegaardian account of self-love, <i>Dar Triffon-Reshef, University of Notre Dame, USA</i>, (In-person presentation)
	14:20 – 15:20	<p>Thematic session: Language of Love, Part 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cultural variability in the use and meanings of the locution "I love you", <i>Richard Wilkins, Baruch College, CUNY, USA</i>, (In-person presentation) 2. Symbolic Representations of the Love Act across Cultures, <i>Ian Skoggard, Human Relations Area Files at Yale University, United States</i>, (In-person presentation) 3. So, soyáyyà, and káunà 'love' constructional metonymy and metaphor in Hausa language and culture, <i>Mustapha Tsakuwa, College of International Studies Southwest University, Chongqing, China</i>, (Online presentation) 4. Fluttering Hearts: through the looking glass of Korean romantic dramas towards a framework for analysing constructs of love in cultural contexts, <i>Jessica Symons, University of Manchester, UK</i>, (In-person presentation)
	15:20 – 16:20	<p>Thematic session: Diversity of Love Relationships</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beliefs of romantic love in friends with benefits and romantic relationships, <i>Encarnación Soriano-Ayala, Universidad de Almeria, Spain</i>, (Online presentation) 2. Negotiating normativity: On experiences of infidelity in romantic relationships, <i>Simone Schneider, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom</i>, (In-person presentation) 3. Emotional practices in polyamorous relationships in Germany, <i>Maribel Graf, University of Tübingen, Germany</i>, (In-person presentation) 4. Maintaining Midlife Love: The Radical Potential of Endurance, <i>Rahil Roodsaz, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands</i>, (In-person presentation)
	16:20 – 18:00	<p>Poster session</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Narcissism and partner-enhancement at different relationship stages, <i>Anna Czarna, Jagiellonian University, Poland</i> (In-person presentation) 2. Early instability in maternal sensitivity predicting adulthood partner violence perpetration, <i>Anshu Patel, University of Minnesota, United States of America</i> (In-person presentation) 3. Exploring the link between flourishing and love dynamics in continuous time, <i>Lindy Williams, Penn State University, USA</i> (Online presentation) 4. When Appreciation predicts Motivation: Gratitude Receipt predicts Instrumentality Intentions in Relationships, especially for Insecurely Attached

		<p>Individuals, <i>Emily O'Brien, University of Pittsburgh, United States</i> (Online presentation)</p> <p>5. Is it good to be in love? Relationships between Passionate Love, Relationship Satisfaction and Life Satisfaction, <i>Daniela Zibenberg, Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro – PUC-Rio, Brazil</i> (Online presentation)</p> <p>6. Unveiling Romantic Love Discourse, Emotion and Affect in Digital Contexts, <i>Katherine Joseph, University of East London, United Kingdom</i>, (In-person presentation)</p> <p>7. 177 Lovers and Counting: My Life as a Sex Researcher, <i>Leanna Wolfe, Wise Woman Sex and Relationship Consulting, USA</i> (In-person presentation)</p> <p>8. 'Love in the Air': Struggles in Desire among Chinese Migrants in Kingston, Jamaica, <i>Yichi Zhang, University of St Andrews, United Kingdom</i> (Online presentation)</p> <p>9. Relationship induced self-concept changes and authenticity in romantic relationship, <i>Vera Cubela Adoric, Department of Psychology, University of Zadar, Croatia</i> (Online presentation)</p> <p>10. Red Flags: Biased Evaluations of Romantic Partners and Their Behaviors Through Inclusion-of-Other-in-the-Self, <i>Jacqueline Lechuga, The University of Texas at El Paso, United States</i> (In-person presentation)</p> <p>11. Digitized Dating Life: Emotional Processing of 25–35-year-olds Danes, <i>Malthe Rye Thomsen, Department of Communication, University of Copenhagen, Denmark</i> (In-person presentation)</p>
5 Jan	9:00 – 9:45	Love in China: Politics, Economics and Social Change , <i>Pan Wang, The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia</i> (Online presentation)
	9:45 – 10:30	What's New with Love in East Asia? Ethnographic and Theoretical Perspectives , <i>Jean-Baptiste Pettier, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität, Germany</i> (In-person presentation)
	10:30 – 11:15	Thematic session: Modern Love and Marriage in Social Contexts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On intersections of love and social class in urban India, <i>Anna Romanowicz, Jagiellonian University, Poland</i>, (Online presentation) 2. The Politics of Space and Taste: Public Romance in Urban India, <i>Meghna Bohidar, University of Delhi, India</i>, (In-person presentation) 3. Love Dynamics in Academic Exchange, <i>Ulrike de Ponte, OTH Regensburg, Germany</i>, (In-person presentation)
	11:15 – 11:35	Coffee break
	11:35 – 12:35	Thematic session: Love, Marriage, and Family in Cultural Contexts, Part 2 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commensurable and incommensurable love styles, <i>Victor de Munck, Vilnius University, Lithuania</i>, (In-person presentation) 2. Comparison of implicit attitude of college students towards parents and romantic partners, <i>Hongli Gao, Xinxiang Medical University, China</i> (Online presentation) 3. The Golden Child: Adult-Sibling Relationships and Elderly Parent Care, <i>Mukta Sharangpani, Santa Clara University, USA</i> (In-person presentation) 4. The lived experience of love at the moment of dying – seen from the relative's perspective, <i>Hanne Bess Boelsbjerg, Aarhus University, Denmark</i> (Online presentation)
	12:35 – 13:35	Lunch (self-arranged)
	13:35 – 14:35	Thematic session: Love in Cross-Cultural Perspectives

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ways in which physical attractiveness and love are actually related, <i>Charles Hill, Whittier College, USA</i>, (In-person presentation) 2. Why Study Love Worldwide: Universality and Cultural Diversity of the Triangular Theory of Love, <i>Piotr Sorokowski, University of Wrocław, Poland</i>, (In-person presentation) 3. The interplay between romantic love and culture and environment: Data from 61,065 individuals from 82 countries, <i>Marta Kowal, University of Wrocław, Poland</i>, (In-person presentation) 4. Affectionate touch behaviors are universally associated with love toward romantic partners, <i>Agnieszka Sorokowska, University of Wrocław, Poland</i>, (In-person presentation)
	14:35 – 15:35	<p>Thematic session: Love and Dating</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cultural Differences in Adolescent Dating: Educator Narratives in Southeastern Spain, <i>Verónica Cala, University of Almeria, España</i>, (Online presentation) 2. Myths of Romantic Love and adolescent dating violence from the perception of high school socio-educational professionals, <i>Rachida Dalouh Ounia, University of Almeria, Spain</i>, (Online presentation) 3. Less love on the spectrum? A Comparative Analysis of Romantic Experiences of Autistic and Non-Autistic Adults, <i>Linda Dekker, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands</i>, (In-person presentation) 4. Paler isn't prettier: Little evidence of colorism among Asian American speed-daters, <i>Karen Wu, California State University, Los Angeles, USA</i>, (Online presentation)
	15:35 – 16:20	<p>Thematic session: Love in Education, Counseling, and Other Services, Part 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Attachment Between a Care Worker and a Child: The Case of Japanese Childhood Education, <i>Noriko Tagawa, Nagoya University of Economics, Japan</i>, (In-person presentation) 2. Pedagogical love in the teaching of The Educational Program for Sami Curators, <i>Marija Griniuk, Sami Center for Contemporary Art, Norway</i>, (In-person presentation) 3. Actional love and effective altruism in dealing with "difficult" clients, <i>Hans-Jörg Lütgerhorst, Akademie für Verhaltenstherapie Köln/ Germany, Germany</i>, (In-person presentation)
	16:20 – 17:05	<p>Thematic session: Language of Love, Part 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Love as a creative force and the sacral role of women in traditional societies. – A cognitive linguistic approach, <i>Veronika Jávora-Szelid, ELTE, Hungary</i>, (Online presentation) 2. A Multidimensional Model of Love, <i>Iryna Pinich, Kyiv National Linguistic University, Ukraine, Södertörn University, Sweden</i>, (In-person presentation) 3. "Tales of Love Unforgotten: Metaphors that Echo in the Silence of Dementia, <i>Anna Rommel, ELTE, Budapest, Hungary</i>, (Online presentation)
	17:05 – 17:55	
6 Jan	9:00 – 9:45	Love in Sub-Saharan African Contexts , <i>Claude-Hélène Mayer, University of Johannesburg, South Africa</i> (Online presentation)
	9:45 – 10:30	Love in the Arab World , <i>Corinne Fortier, French National Center of Scientific Research, Collège de France, Paris, France</i> (In-person presentation)

10:30 – 11:15	Maintaining Intimacy Living Apart Transnationally , <i>Rashmi Singla, Roskilde University, Denmark</i> (In-person presentation)
11:15 – 11:35	Coffee break
11:35 – 12:35	Thematic session: Love, Marriage, and Family in Cultural Contexts, Part 3 1. Forms of Intercultural Love in Japanese-Western Marriages in Japan, <i>Reggie Pawle, Kansai Gaidai University, Hirakata-shi, Japan</i> (Online presentation) 2. Relationships Between Paternal Involvement and Parental Relationship Quality, <i>Buse Şencan Karakuş, Hacettepe University, Turkey</i> (Online presentation) 3. Feeding, Bonding, and Intergenerational "Love" in an Indigenous Society in Taiwan, <i>Leberecht Funk, Independent Scholar; Free University of Berlin, Germany</i> (In-person presentation) 4. Baby Makes Three: The Changing Face of Marital Love Across the Transition to Parenthood, <i>Kristin Mickelson, Arizona State University, United States</i> (In-person presentation)
12:35 – 13:35	Lunch (self-arranged)
13:35 – 14:35	Thematic session: Literary Studies of Love, Part 3: Love in Literaty Narratives 1. African Othellos and Desdemonas: Transnational Allegories of Jealous Love, <i>Fatima Moolla, University of the Western Cape, South Africa</i> , (In-person presentation) 2. A Stylistic Study of the Concept of Love in Kahlil Gibran's book 'The Prophet', <i>Abbas Zirjawi, College of Arts, University of Baghdad, Iraq</i> , (In-person presentation) 3. Corpus-assisted Critical Discourse Analysis of 'love' in Pride and Prejudice and Bridget Jones's Diary, <i>Bartłomiej Kowalczyk, The University of Liverpool, Liverpool City Council Adult Learning Service, United Kingdom</i> , (In-person presentation) 4. A Model for the 21st Century? Love Relationships in Urban Fantasy with Female Protagonists, <i>María Ramos-García, South Dakota State University, United States</i> , (In-person presentation)
14:35 – 15:20	Philosophy of Love, Part 3 4. Marsilio Ficino's Erotic Hedonism, <i>Enrico Piergiacomi, Technion Israel Institute of Technology, Israel</i> , (Online presentation) 5. The Power of Love, <i>Lauren Edwards, York University, Toronto, Canada</i> , (In-person presentation) 6. Home Without Ground, <i>Matthew Hoffman, Indiana University Bloomington, United States</i> , (Online presentation)
15:20 – 16:05	Thematic session: Love in Education, Counseling, and Other Services, Part 2 4. The lived experiences of altruistic love during international service-learning, <i>Chin-Ping Liou, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan</i> , (In-person presentation) 5. Becoming Christ to the World: Putting God's love into action, <i>Katrine Pahuus, Aarhus University, Denmark</i> , (In-person presentation) 6. Evoking a Loving Inquiry in a Group Setting Using Collaborative Auto Ethnography, <i>Giorgia Nigri, Sophia University Institute, Vatican</i> , (In-person presentation)
16:05 – 17:05	Thematic session: Love to Non-Human Objects 1. An Ecocentric Definition of Love: Moving Beyond the Human Bias in Love Research, <i>Estella Kuchta, Simon Fraser University, Canada</i> , (Online presentation) 2. Do we implicitly love our phones and pets similar to how we implicitly love our romantic partners? Examining the generalizability of implicit bivalence, <i>Vivian Zayas, Cornell University, USA</i> , (In-person presentation)

		<p>3. A phenomenological exploration on love divided between romantic partner and musical instrument in Turkish cultural context, <i>Duygu Dincer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA</i>, (Online presentation)</p> <p>4. Posthuman Eroticism and Erobots, <i>Aura Schussler, "Babeş-Bolyai" University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania</i>, (Online presentation)</p>
	17:15 -	Closing remarks and farewell reception
7 Jan		The events of the Teaching Institute on Love Studies
	9:00 – 9:50	Zoltán Kövecses, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary, <i>The Methods of Cognitive Linguistic Analysis of Love and the Emotions</i> (Online presentation)
	10:00 – 10:50	Victor de Munck, Institute of Asian and Transcultural Studies at Vilnius University, Lithuania, <i>Emic Methods in Anthropology (or Emic Statistics in Anthropology)</i> (In-person presentation)
	11:00 – 11:50	Victor Karandashev, Aquinas College, Michigan, USA, <i>Promises and Pitfalls in Measurements of Love</i> (In-person presentation)
	12:00 – 12:50	Aaron Ben-Ze'ev, University of Haifa, Israel, <i>Studying Love in a Digital Manner</i> (In-person presentation)