

The 3rd International Conference on Love and Relationship Studies

The conference events will be held virtually via online videoconferencing, including both asynchronous and synchronous formats on **6, 7, and 8 March, 2026**. See more details at <https://love-studies-institute.org/third-international-conference-on-love-and-relationship-studies-online/>

*Registration for participation in the **Third Conference on Love and Relationship Studies** as **attendees** (without presentations) is open. Those interested in attending the conference—watching pre-recorded presentations and participating in thematic panel sessions—may contact the *Institute of Love Studies* with their request at the email: love.studies.institute@gmail.com*

Asynchronous format. Attendees have access to pre-recorded conference presentations posted on the YouTube channel of the International Institute of Love Studies. They watch pre-recorded presentations on their own schedule, at their own pace, and in their own time zone. This asynchronous format of the conference events allows for more flexibility.

Participants can submit their questions and comments to presenters ahead of time or during thematic panel sessions. The chairs of specific panel sessions will aggregate these questions and comments for discussion in thematic panel sessions in designated real-time slots.

Synchronous format. Thematic panel sessions of the conference will take place via online live streaming in Zoom on **6, 7, and 8 March, 2026**, according to their schedule.

Program of Thematic Panel Sessions

The program may be subject to change. Each thematic panel session will take place live in real time according to [UTC \(Coordinated Universal Time\)](#).

March 6, Friday, 10:00-14:00 of Eastern Time (USA) in Zoom

Languages of Love: Linguistic and Literary Conceptualizations, 10:00-11:30

Co-Chairs: *Iryna Pinich, Kyiv National Linguistic University, Ukraine, and Zoltán Kövecses, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary*

1. Conceptual Metaphors of ROMANTIC LOVE in Contemporary Ukrainian and Their Contextual Dependence, *Iryna Pinich, Kyiv National Linguistic University, Ukraine*
2. The Conceptual Metaphors of Love in Indonesian Poetry of 1960s to 2000s, *Budi Awan Marpaung, University of Sumatera Utara, Indonesia*
3. Within-Culture Individual Variations in Romantic Love Metaphors in Modern Greek, *Theodoros Xioufis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece*
4. Cultural Love Metaphors in the Epistolary Discourse of Mihai Eminescu and Franz Kafka, *Florentina-Loredana Stanciu and Mariana Neagu, Universitatea „Dunărea de Jos” din Galați, Romania*
5. Metaphors of the Madman: Conceptualization of Love in Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”, *Mirka Cirovic, Independent Researcher, Serbia*
6. Stance Without Connection: Email Communication in Elif Batuman’s “The Idiot” (2017), *Philomena Marmion, Independent researcher, and Greta Drūkteinytė, Vilnius University, Lithuania*
7. Intentions and Interpretations of the Meaning of "I Love You" Across Gender, Ethnicity, and Generational Status, *Karen Wu, California State University, Los Angeles, United States*
8. Love Against the Grain: The Expression of Love in Neurodivergent Poetry, *Radhia Besbes Krid, University of Sfax, Tunisia*

Psychology of Love and Relationships, 12:00-13:30

Chair: *Sandra Langeslag, University of Missouri - St. Louis, United States*

1. Construction of Concept and Seven Components of Meta-capacity to Love Based on Fromm's Theory of Love, *Zongpei Dai, Army Medical University, Chongqing, China, Qin Dai, Chongqing University of Education, Chongqing, China*
2. Comparing Romantic Love and Chocolate Craving in Terms of Craving, Attention, Valence, and Arousal, *Sandra Langeslag and Emily Marler, University of Missouri - St. Louis, United States*

3. Comparison of Parasocial Love with Real-Life Romantic Love in Terms of Subjective Experience and Brain Activity, *Magda Martinez-Mata, University of Missouri – St. Louis, USA*
4. Emotion-Driven or Sex-Driven? Distinguishing Emophilia and Sociosexuality in Casual Sexual Relationships, *Sophia Salamanca and Jacqueline Lechuga — Texas A&M University–San Antonio, United States*
5. Does Benevolent Sexism Influence Heterosexual Women’s Dating Preferences? *Sreejita Ghose, University of Kent-Canterbury, United Kingdom*
6. Those Who Love Singlehood: How Self-Expansion Fosters Well-Being Beyond Romantic Relationships, *Elina Moreno, University of Toronto, Yuthika Girme, Simon Fraser University, Canada; Ana Burik, Simon Fraser University, Canada; Sarah Stanton, University of Edinburgh, Scotland*

March 7, Saturday, 10:00-14:00 of Eastern Time (USA) in Zoom

Love and Family Dynamics, 10:00-11:30

Chair: *Adam Bode, Australian National University, Australia*

1. Growing Together, Growing Apart: Sibling Identity Overlap as a Predictor of Flourishing, *Anahi Morales, Jacqueline Lechuga, Texas A&M University - San Antonio, United States*
2. Long- term Love Dynamics in Intercultural Couples in Denmark, *Rashmi Singla, Roskilde University and Ida Glad, Study abroad in Scandinavia, Denmark*
3. How Divorce Rituals Balance Romantic Autonomy and Enduring Commitment in Modern Hungarian Marriage, *Judit Balatonyi, University of Pécs, Hungary*
4. When Love Expands: How In-Laws Reshape Sibling Bonds in Adulthood, *Lilach Shwartz-Peleg, Varna Free University, Bulgaria*
5. Psychometric Validation of the Parental Love Scale. *Yichun Liu, Yuan Zhang, Mengya Xia, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, United States*
6. When Love and Work Collide: Boundary Negotiation in Home Workspaces Among Hybrid-Working Couples, *Silvia Donato, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – Milano, Italy*

Feeling Love for Yourself, Others, and Feeling Loved, 12:00-13:30

Chair: *Chuck Hill, Whittier College, United States*

1. What Makes People in Spain Feel Loved? The Cultural Consensus Theory Approach, *Jaymes Rombaoa, Claremont Graduate University, Lindy Williams, Pennsylvania State University, Dana Hussein, Claremont Graduate University, Zita Oravec, Pennsylvania State University, Saida Heshmati, Claremont Graduate University, United States*
2. Empirical Validation of the Whole Self-Love Scale: A Multidimensional, Non-Narcissistic Measure of Self-Love, *Katy Sine, Julianne Holt-Lunstad, and Wendy Birmingham, Brigham Young University, United States*
3. The Daily Interplay of Connectedness and Felt love in Three Dyadic Family Relationships, *Yingnan Jin and Mengya Xia, Arizona State University, United States*
4. Loving the Stranger Begins Within Oneself: A Psychological and Philosophical Reading of Leviticus 19:33–34, *Isabelle Surielow, Rutgers University-Camden, United States*
5. Platonic friendship: the role of love in our search for wisdom, *Vitor Rodrigues de Almeida, Mary Immaculate College, Ireland*

8 March, Sunday, 10:00-14:00 of Eastern Time (USA) in Zoom

Modern Love and Social Media, 10:00-11:30

Chair: *Alex Nelson, University of Indianapolis, United States*

1. The Role of Social Network Sites in Romantic Relationships: From Fragmentation to Integration of Inconsistent Findings, *Manuel Faggiano, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy, Ariela Francesca Pagani, University of Urbino Carlo Bo, Italy; Dominik Schoebi, University of Fribourg, Switzerland; Silvia Donato, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy*
2. Portraying Family Bonds and Roles in the Video Game *It Takes Two*: a Linguistic and Multimodal Analysis, *Dušan Stamenković, University of Niš, Serbia and Iryna Pinich, Kyiv National Linguistic University, Ukraine*
3. Buying Love: Why Chinese Women Embrace Male-Coded Characters in Digital Games, *Qianyu ZHOU, Hiroshima University, Japan*
4. Chinese Love Influencers: A Content Analysis of Chinese Bilibili Influencers' Relationship Advice, *Yuhan Su, KU Leuven, Belgium, Zizhen Wang, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA, Kyungmin Kim, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, Alex Nelson, University of Indianapolis, USA, Yeon Jung Yu, Western Washington University, USA, Yura Park, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea*

5. Korean Love Influencers: A Content Analysis of Korean YouTube Influencers' Relationship Advice, *Yura Park, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, Kyungmin Kim, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, Alex Nelson, University of Indianapolis, USA, Yeon Jung Yu, Western Washington University, USA, Yuhan Su, KU Leuven, Belgium*

Romantic Love and Relationships, 12:00-13:30

Co-Chairs: *Claude-Hélène Mayer, University of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Ian Skoggard, Human Relations Area Files at Yale University, United States*

1. Is Romantic Love Universal? Is Romantic Love Innate? *Alain Delannoy, Independent Researcher, France*
2. How Love Styles Are Associated with Romantic Beliefs and Dysfunctional Relationship Beliefs, *Cate Boone and Pamela Regan, California State University, Los Angeles, United States*
3. Emerging Adults' Narratives about Their Autonomy in Romantic Relationships, *Victoria Yerofeyeva, Alexandra Bochaver, and Ekaterina Tsyganova, National Research University "Higher School of Economics", Moscow, Russia*
4. Distrustful Intimacies and Dating in Post-Catastrophe Hatay, Türkiye, *Dagmar Nared, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia*
5. Exploring the Complexity of Ambivalent Terms of Endearment in Latino Romantic Relationships, *Jacqueline Lechuga, Texas A&M University–San Antonio, Kyle M. Nabb, The University of Texas at El Paso, Jessica Bray, University of Kentucky, Michael Zárate, The University of Texas at El Paso, United States*
6. From Dyadic Exchange to Artificial Companionship: Reconsidering the Concept of Intimacy, *Lisa Blair, California Institute of Integral Studies, United States*