

The Institute of Polish Language and The Institute of German Studies, University of Warsaw, the Society for the German Language, and the Polish Language Foundation invite you to the conference

**“Key words”,**

which will be held on **December 11-12, 2026**, at the University of Warsaw.

The conference is devoted to keywords in the public discourse and the methods of their choosing. This theme brings together different methodologies and different levels of analysis of language and discourse, including:

- Quantitative linguistics and NLP
- Corpus linguistics and linguistic engineering
- Media studies
- Lexicology and lexicography

By combining different methods and experiences, we will describe the keywords of contemporary public discourse. We will look with interest at the Polish “The word of the year” poll and similar projects in other countries. **This year, our conference takes place when words of the year will be already have been chosen in some European countries. We will try to examine them.**

**Conference languages:** Polish, German, English and Ukrainian.

**Abstracts:**

We invite you to submit your abstract by **September 30, 2026** via application form: <https://forms.gle/pARhhfZU6wYm1HTx8> or via mail: [slowa.klucze.uw@gmail.com](mailto:slowa.klucze.uw@gmail.com).

The abstract should include:

- title,
- 300 words of description,
- short bibliography.

After the anonymous reviews, we will inform you about the paper acceptance until **October 18, 2026**.

**Conference fee: 300 PLN / 70 EUR** payable to Fundacja Języka Polskiego (48 1240 1040 1111 0010 2207 1852). Please, quote your name and the name of the conference (Key words) on the transfer order.

**Important dates:**

- Application deadline: **September 30, 2026**
- Notification of acceptance: **until October 18, 2026**
- Conference date: **December 11-12, 2026**

**Conference Website:** [www.fundacjajezykapolskiego.pl/slowa-klucze/](http://www.fundacjajezykapolskiego.pl/slowa-klucze/)

**Conference committee:**

Marek Łaziński (Institute of Polish Language UW) – head of the committee, Marta Czyżewska (Institute of German Studies, UW), Magdalena Derwojedowa (Institute of Polish Language, UW), Agnieszka Dryjańska (Institute of Romance Studies, UW), Lutz Kuntzsch (GfDS), Olena Levchenko (Lviv Polytechnic, Magdalena Wanot-Miśtura (Polish Language Foundation), Katarzyna Nowak (Polish Language Foundation)