SPECIAL ISSUE ON
Computer-Mediated Communication Corpora

CALL FOR PAPERS
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IMPORTANT DATES

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This special issue of Language@Internet follows up on the 11th CMC corpora conference which was held in Nice, September 2024. The CMC corpora conference series are dedicated to the collection, annotation, processing, and analysis of corpora of computer-mediated communication (CMC) and social media.

As online communication data continues to proliferate and researchers face increasing difficulty in building and analyzing corpora, this special issue aims to provide a panorama of recent CMC corpora use and research.

We adhere to a wide definition of CMC and Social Media, covering various media of digital communication, including email, newsgroups, forums, chat and messenger applications (e.g. WhatsApp), social networks (Facebook, Instagram), gaming platforms, as well as interactions in the communication areas of video portals (YouTube), learning platforms and virtual worlds.

We welcome all papers related to corpus building and analysis, and all reflections on CMC data use and methods, including research questions from the fields of corpus and computational linguistics, language technology, text technology, and machine learning.

Submissions might address the following types of research questions (this list is by no means exhaustive):

- What are the current difficulties (technical, methodological or legal) in building corpora for studying CMC?
- How can researchers take advantage of new media commonly used in CMC, such as audio and video?
- How can such a corpus be built, from data and metadata collection to publication?
- How is a CMC corpus analyzed, from annotation to exploration methods?
- What types of results may be derived from CMC corpora?
- Which theoretical frameworks can be used to analyze CMC data? Sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, language education…
- How can the multiplicity of channels be used to leverage studies in CMC?
- How can CMC corpora be used to study specific communities and topics (minorities, politics, subcultures)?
- Do the new generative AI models and tools provide opportunities for analysing CMC data?

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

Potential authors should submit a preliminary proposal of 750 to 1000 words by June 30th, 2025 to the guest editors Céline Poudat (celine.poudat@univ-cotedazur.fr) and Ludovic Tanguy (ludovic.tanguy@univ-tlse2.fr). Proposals should include the central research question, the theoretical and/or empirical basis for the paper, and preliminary findings or insights. Those interested in submitting a proposal are also encouraged to contact the guest editors with their questions and ideas.

Authors whose proposals are accepted for inclusion will be invited to submit a full paper of roughly 7,000-10,000 words by November 1st, 2025. The anticipated publication date for the issue is July 2026.