

SFOU Grant Report – Participation in the symposium “Epistolary Echoes”

My name is Manuela and I am a graduate student at the University of Oxford, where I am pursuing an MPhil in Medieval and Modern Languages, with a special focus on contemporary Latin American Literature. Thanks to the generous support of the Swiss Friends of Oxford University Scholarship, I attended the symposium “Epistolary Echoes: Eugenio Coseriu’s Correspondence and What We Can Learn From Digital Letter Collections”. The event was held on March 8th, 2024, at the University of Zurich. The financial contribution provided by the SFOU Scholarship allowed me to cover the costs of travel, accommodation and participation to the symposium.

The symposium, organised within the framework of the project “Beyond Structuralism: letters to Eugenio Coseriu and the history of linguistics in the 20th century”, was the closing event of a long research trajectory focused on the legacy left by the linguist and professor Eugenio Coseriu. At this event, researchers from all over the world gathered—some in person, some virtually—to discuss the value of digitalised archives for the development of the Humanities today. And specifically, this event was a forum to explore the importance of Coseriu’s dense correspondence for the critical elaboration of new contributions to the history of linguistics, the history of 20th century intellectual thought, and the understanding of events, trends and ideas that have emerged in the last hundred years.

For me, participating in this event represented the culmination of a collaboration that has united me for many years with the chair of Hispanic-American linguistics at the University of Zurich, and in particular the work of Prof. Johannes Kabatek and his team. In fact, I worked as a research assistant on this project during my graduate years in Zurich, and have continued to collaborate for the past two years despite my move to Oxford. During the Symposium, I was not only able to contribute to the discussion of the project results (including the inauguration of the [DiLeCos](#) online platform), but I was also able to consolidate important exchange relationships with other young researchers at my alma mater.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the invaluable support extended by SFOU, which played a pivotal role in my participation in the Symposium. Without this scholarship, such an enriching experience would not have been possible, and I am grateful for the opportunity it has afforded me.

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