

Report of participation in *LIII Simposio de la Sociedad Española de Lingüística*

I am pleased to submit this report of my participation in the *LIII Simposio de la Sociedad Española de Lingüística*, held in Salamanca, Spain, from January 20th to January 23rd. This conference, one of the most prestigious Spanish-speaking linguistic events and the most prestigious in Spain, provided an invaluable platform for presenting my research and engaging with the broader linguistic community.

During the conference, I presented two talks. The first one was titled “¿Las mujeres no son ingenieras? Género marcado y no marcado en español: incidencia de la morfología y los estereotipos de género en el procesamiento de oraciones [Aren't women engineers? Marked and unmarked gender in Spanish: the influence of gender morphology and stereotypes in sentence processing]”, which focused on psycholinguistic research examining the relationship between gender stereotypes and morphology in language processing. In this research, we analyzed two experimental tasks that tested the influence of gender stereotypes and morphology on role names. We proposed the idea of the unmarked masculine not only as grammatical gender but also as social gender. Sharing my findings with this new audience was an enriching experience, sparking insightful questions and discussions that will undoubtedly refine my ongoing work. I received comments about what happens in Peninsular Spanish and we discussed differences compared to Rioplatense Spanish, which is one of the main focuses of an ongoing project I am collaborating on with the University of Salamanca, among other universities.

The second talk I participated in was called “Género y lenguaje: presentación del proyecto MultiLingualGender [Gender and language: presentation of the MultiLingualGender project]”. We presented a newly adjudicated Horizon Europe's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions project involving five universities from four countries. This interdisciplinary research explores the complex relationships between grammatical gender in Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese, gender representations, psycholinguistic processing, and sociolinguistic variation. The talk outlined the project's conceptual and methodological foundations and presented initial findings, including a contrastive analysis of grammatical gender across the three languages and preliminary results on gender processing in Spanish. This topic and its study from a psycholinguistic and sociolinguistic approach have garnered significant attention in Argentina but remains underexplored in Spain, which is why taking part in this conference and presenting our research was so important.

In addition to presenting my research, I had the opportunity to attend several talks. In particular, I participated in a thematic session on gender (“El estudio del género en la lingüística actual: un punto de encuentro entre diferentes enfoques metodológicos y tradiciones filológicas [The study of gender in contemporary linguistics: a meeting point between different methodological approaches and philological traditions]”), where multiple presentations addressed issues closely related to my current research. Engaging with these presentations allowed me to learn about the work of early-career researchers in the field and to stay up to date with the latest studies being conducted in Spain and other European countries.

During my presentation and the rest of the conference, I engaged with colleagues from different universities of Spain and across Europe who are working on similar topics and with whom I shared enlightening talks and exchanged emails and bibliographic references. We discussed recent advances in the field, methodological challenges, and potential

avenues for future research collaborations, particularly in relation to cross-linguistic and cross-dialectal studies.

Moreover, one of the highlights of the conference was the opportunity to meet with colleagues from the University of Salamanca, with whom I am collaborating on a project exploring how gender morphology and stereotypes are processed across different languages and language varieties. In addition to deepening our existing collaboration, these in-person interactions allowed us to outline new research directions and exchange preliminary findings, which will strengthen the academic impact of our project.

The experience of participating in this conference has been transformative, both personally and professionally. The feedback I received on my presentations will directly inform my research work, particularly in contextualizing my findings within a broader linguistic framework. Furthermore, the connections I made with researchers from Spain and other countries have opened up possibilities for future collaborations and comparative studies, particularly regarding gender and language processing.

In conclusion, my participation in the *LIII Simposio de la Sociedad Española de Lingüística* was a unique and rewarding experience. It allowed me to share my research, connect with esteemed colleagues, and gain exposure to innovative work in linguistics. I am deeply grateful to CIPL for the support that made this opportunity possible.

Attached to this report, you will find a copy of my certificate of participation.

Thank you for supporting my academic development.

Sincerely,
Noelia Ayelén Stetie