

**Applied Linguistics Association of Australia (ALAA)**  
*and*  
**Applied Linguistics Association of New Zealand (ALANZ)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Combined Conference**

**Second Call for Papers**

Abstracts are invited for presentations at the second combined conference of the **Applied Linguistics Association of Australia (ALAA)** and the **Applied Linguistics Association of New Zealand (ALANZ)** to be held in Canberra from Wednesday 30 November to Friday 2 December 2011. The conference will be hosted by the University of Canberra and the Australian National University.

The conference theme is ***Applied Linguistics as a Meeting Place***. The conference will focus on intersections between Applied Linguistics and other disciplines and areas of practice. For more information go to [http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/langfest/alaa\\_alanz.htm](http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/langfest/alaa_alanz.htm)

The conference is a major feature of ***canberra langfest 2011***, a series of events about language and languages, and their relationship with the world. For more information go to <http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/langfest/conference.htm>

**Conference Conveners**

Elke Stracke (University of Canberra)  
Helen Moore (University of New South Wales)  
Louise Jansen (Australian National University)

**Plenary Speakers**

Diana Eades (University of New England)  
Janet Holmes (Victoria University Wellington)  
Andy Kirkpatrick (Hong Kong Institute of Education/Griffith University)  
Tim McNamara (University of Melbourne)  
Merrill Swain (University of Toronto).

**Conference Strands**

- Language and Culture
- Languages and Education
- Language and Indigenous Issues (in association with the **Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, AIATSIS**)
- Language and Literacy
- Language and Social Interaction
- Language, Society, Politics and Policy
- Language and the Arts
- Language and the Law
- Issues in Assessment and Testing in Applied Linguistics (organised by the **Association for Language Testing and Assessment of Australia and New Zealand, ALTAANZ**)
- Issues in Interpreting and Translation
- Issues in Language Development
- Technology and Language Learning

For strand descriptions, go to [http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/langfest/alaa\\_alanz.htm](http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/langfest/alaa_alanz.htm) and click underneath **Conference Strands**.

**Additional Information**

The conference is being planned in association with the annual conference of the **Australian Linguistic Society (ALS)** (2-4 December 2011) with a joint ALAA-ALANZ-ALS day on Friday 2

December. The first two days of the ALAA-ALANZ conference (30 November and 1 December) will be located at the University of Canberra; the joint ALAA-ALANZ-ALS day (2 December) will be located at the Australian National University. The joint day will especially highlight issues in **Language and the Law**, including intersections with other conference strands.

The ALAA-ALANZ conference will be preceded by the **first ALAA-ALANZ Postgraduate Student Workshop** on Tuesday 29 November. It will provide opportunities for graduate students to discuss work in progress with distinguished academics, including the plenary speakers. Note: the Workshop will not be a separate mini-conference for graduate students, who, if they wish to present a paper or another activity, should submit proposals to the conference as below. For further details, go to <http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/langfest/conference.htm> and click on “**ALAA-ALANZ Postgraduate Student Workshop**”.

## GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Abstracts should be *single-spaced*, use a *12-point font*, and employ *italics rather than underlining* (except for URL addresses).

### Papers

Papers are 15-20 minute lecture-style presentations followed by 10 minutes for questions/responses. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, including no more than 2-3 key references if desired.

### Colloquia/workshops/panel discussions/roundtables/other formats

Colloquia/workshops/panel discussions/roundtables and other formats (for example, World Café)<sup>1</sup> provide various opportunities for presentations, interaction and discussion (including with the audience) around a theme or topic. You may organise your timeslot and participants as you see fit but you should include adequate time for audience participation:

**Short** – 1½ hour timeslot. **Long** – 3 hour timeslot.

Your abstract should be no longer than 300 words, including approximately 100 words outlining how the session will be organised. You may include no more than 3-4 key references if desired.

### Posters

Posters consist of a display of material on (no more than) one A0-sheet poster. Posters will be displayed at designated times throughout the conference with scheduled opportunities for the presenters to discuss the material with interested individuals.

Your abstract should be no more than 250 words, including no more than 2-3 key references if desired.

### Assessment of Abstracts

Abstracts will be blind-reviewed by at least two independent experts selected by strand convenors. Reviewers will be asked to assess abstracts using the following criteria:

1. Does the abstract provide evidence of a clear line of argument and/or a clear and specific focus for the proposed session?
2. Does the abstract situate its problem/issue in a wider context (theoretical and/or empirical and/or practical) including relevant literature, and does it indicate how this problem is significant for Applied Linguistic enquiry?
3. Does the abstract make clear how the analysis in the session is/will be grounded (theoretically, empirically or practically or some combination of these)?
4. If the session is to be focussed on research, does the abstract include a brief but revealing description of the research methodology?

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<sup>1</sup> World Café is a discussion format that can be used with large groups. A question or problem is posed and the group is divided into 3-4 people per table. After a given time, they move to another table. The format enables a large number of people to interact in a conversational context. It aims to develop innovative thinking on a particular issue in a way which is not often accomplished at conferences and which aims to build a sense of common purpose at the conference and maybe beyond.

5. Does the proposed session appear to be feasible in the time allowed?
6. Is the abstract clear and well written?
7. Does the abstract relate to the overall conference theme?

Submissions may be rejected if they do not conform to these guidelines.

### **Conditions for Acceptance in the Conference Program**

In order for presentations to be included in the program, at least one presenter of a paper or poster must register for the conference. For other types of session, the majority of presenters/contributors must register. To register for the conference, go to <http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/langfest/conference.htm> and click on the link to “**Registration**” – this link will become active shortly.

Each presenter/contributor may be listed as a participant in a maximum of two sessions of any kind.

### **Submitting Abstracts**

To submit an abstract, go to [http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/langfest/ala\\_a\\_lanz.htm](http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/langfest/ala_a_lanz.htm) and click on “**Submit Abstracts**”.

The final date for submission of abstracts is **Monday 30 May 2011**.

Notification of the acceptance/rejection of abstracts will be made by **Friday 15 July 2011**.