

ELF³ / Third International Conference of English as a Lingua Franca Vienna 2010.

The Third International Conference of English as a Lingua Franca
University of Vienna, 22-25 May 2010

Further Announcement and Call for Papers

This third international conference on English as a Lingua Franca is a response to the increasing interest and research activity in this field and follows on from previous successful conferences in Helsinki in 2008 and Southampton in 2009.

The programme is designed to further maximum interaction and focused discussion among participants. To that end, four main **themes** will be given prominence:

- A. The sociolinguistics of ELF: theoretical issues arising from the study of ELF in relation to language variation, and language and identity.
- B. The methodology of ELF description: issues concerning the collection, analysis and interpretation of data.
- C. ELF and language policy: issues concerning the development of multilingualism in Europe and elsewhere.
- D. ELF and language education: the implications of descriptive work for the design and implementation of teaching programmes.

Apart from four plenary sessions, the conference programme will consist of four **colloquia**, each dealing with one of these themes.

Plenary sessions

Two of these will be presentations by individual speakers:

Edgar Schneider, University of Regensburg

Andy Kirkpatrick, Hong Kong Institute of Education

The other two plenaries will consist of panels of **invited speakers** who have been active in ELF research, highlighting descriptive and pedagogical issues respectively.

Colloquia

In order to facilitate focused participation, the main body of the conference will consist of colloquia. Each of these is intended to be a forum, with discussion to be prompted by presentations of two kinds:

1. Visual presentations (**VP**)

Each VP (in the form of poster display) will be given 5 minutes for introduction during a colloquium plus substantial time for subsequent viewing and discussion in specially designated slots.

2. More conventional papers (**P**)

These will be of 15 minutes duration plus 10 minutes for discussion.

Both visual presentations and papers are considered to be integral parts of the colloquia concerned.

We look forward to receiving your proposals for either VPs or Ps on any of the four themes as described above. You can submit (individual or joint) proposals via our online form:

<http://www.univie.ac.at/elfconference2010/openconf/>

Please provide a title and an abstract of no more than 200 words and indicate which of the four themes you will be primarily concerned with. Clearly state the central issue that you wish to address. You will also be asked to choose the format of your presentation, either visual presentation (VP) or paper (P).

Closing date for submission of proposals: 15 November 2009

Confirmation of receipt of your submission will be sent automatically, and notification of acceptance by the end of December 2009.

Registration details will follow on the conference website by mid-October;

<http://elfconference.univie.ac.at/>

Please direct any enquiries to the conference e-mail address: <elfconference@univie.ac.at>

We are looking forward to seeing you in Vienna!

The Organizing committee

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