

Language Testing Forum 2021

Call for Papers

Theme: Language Assessment and (Applied) Linguistics

Dates: Friday 26th November & Saturday 27th November (full days)

Venue: LTF 2021 will take place online

LTF is the annual conference of the UK Association for Language Testing and Assessment (UKALTA). This year's conference will be hosted by the Department of Linguistics and English Language at Lancaster University. Further information about the conference is available at <https://ukalta.org/ltf-2021/>.

The principal theme of LTF 2021 is *Language Assessment and (Applied) Linguistics*. With this theme, we encourage proposals that consider ways in which language testing and assessment learns from, and contributes towards, developments in wider (applied) linguistics.

We invite proposals for this event related to the main theme and covering any of the sub-themes below. These sub-themes are intended to capture some areas of interest but are not an exhaustive list. High quality proposals on any aspect of the main theme **or related to the broad field of language assessment** are also encouraged and welcome.

Sub-themes

- Interfaces between language assessment and other areas of (applied) linguistics, including:
 - Corpus linguistics
 - Cognitive linguistics
 - Computational linguistics
 - Discourse studies
 - Language planning and policy
 - Language pedagogy
 - Pragmatics
 - Psycholinguistics
 - Second language acquisition
 - Sociolinguistics
- Defining and operationalising innovative language constructs (particularly with respect to technology-mediated communicative environments)
- Multilingualism/plurilingualism/translingualism and their impact on language assessment practice
- Language use in professional/institutional settings and implications for language assessment
- The role of language/linguistic knowledge in assessment literacy and language assessors' professional practice

Types of paper

- Presentation (20 minutes plus time for questions)
- Three-minute speed presentation (3 minutes plus time for questions) – *a virtual replacement for the in-person LTF poster presentation*

All presentations will be given **live** over the conference platform Microsoft Teams; Q&A sessions following each presentation will also be live and interactive. Presentations may be recorded and made available to those who have registered for the conference.

Deadlines

- Submission of proposals by **Friday October 15th**
- Notification of acceptance by **Friday October 22nd**

Proposal submission

Abstracts should be a **maximum of 250 words**.

Please submit your proposals using the Qualtrics system by following this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/2021LTF>

We look forward to reading your abstracts,

Luke Harding and John Pill (on behalf of the LTF 2021 organising committee)