



Language Testing Forum 2023

British Council's Assessment Research Group in Stratford, London

Call for Proposals

The **Language Testing Forum (LTF)** is the annual conference of the **UK Association for Language Testing and Assessment (UKALTA)**. This year's conference will be hosted by the British Council's Assessment Research Group in Stratford, London. Further information about the conference is available at www.ukalta.org/ltf-2023/

This year's conference will shine a spotlight on the growing recognition of the importance of understanding multilingual contexts and the implications for language assessment practice, theory, and policy. The Council of Europe, through documents such as the CEFR, has emphasised *plurilingualism*, which it distinguishes from multilingualism, in its language and education policies for the last two decades. Over the same period, there have been dramatic changes in migration both long and short term, impacting on the education and employment landscapes of the UK and countries in Europe and beyond. Yet a large part of the language assessment field in terms of research and the wider application of language assessments for real-world decisions is still premised on monolingual approaches and assessment designs. Understanding the challenges and opportunities for assessment in the context of plurilingual individuals and multilingual contexts of use is closely connected to understanding how languages are taught, learned, and used. Do our assessments and assessment approaches recognise the reality of language use in education, the workplace, and the community? As such, discussion of teaching, learning, and assessment practices in relation to multilingualism is closely connected to questions of language policy and how or whether those policies support diverse, equitable, inclusive societies.

This year's LTF invites proposals related to the main theme of **multilingualism and the impact on language assessment theory, practice and policy**, with a focus on the following subthemes. High quality proposals on any aspect related to the broad field of language assessment are also encouraged and welcome.

- a) UK languages and language diversity in the context of the UK
- b) Translanguaging and the implications for assessment
- c) Language assessment for entry to work and education in a multilingual world
- d) The languages of schooling and the role of language in the assessment of content subjects
- e) Assessment in English Medium Education / Instruction contexts
- f) The design and validation of multilingual assessments
- g) The intersection between language assessment, language policy, and multilingualism

Types of proposal:

- Paper presentations
 - 20 minutes, with an additional 10 minutes allocated for audience Q&A.
- Poster presentations
 - A0 (max. size). Poster presenters will be invited to provide a 2-minute summary of their poster to the full LTF audience in advance of the poster session.

For guidance on how to submit a proposal, please see below.

Guidelines for submission

We invite proposals that address the main theme of the conference, focusing in particular on the strands listed above.

To submit a proposal:

- Head to our conference management system: <https://conference-service.com/LTF2023>
- Create an account, following the instructions provided. You will need to do this even if you have submitted proposals for Language Testing Forum conferences in the past.
- Create and submit a proposal under 'Your submission/s'.
- Authors may submit more than one proposal.

Proposals should be:

- 250-350 words in length.
- Reflective of at least one of the themes or strands of the conference.
- Relevant to the UK and international language testing community.
- Original and insightful.
- Submitted in English.

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