

Call For Papers

An International Conference on Bilingualism and Comparative Linguistics will be held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) from 15-16 May 2012. The Conference is organized by the Childhood Bilingualism Research Centre and the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages at CUHK and co-organized by the Research Institute of Humanities in the Faculty of Arts.

The Conference aims to draw together researchers in the fields of bilingualism and comparative linguistics, providing an interdisciplinary forum to facilitate presentation and exchange of recent findings. We aim to encourage dialogue and synergy between researchers who investigate psycholinguistic aspects of bilingualism and those who undertake comparative studies of linguistic properties across languages, stimulating research with an interdisciplinary perspective. The conference will be of interest to a wide spectrum of professionals in linguistics, psychology, engineering, speech and language pathology, and language education.

We invite proposals for paper presentations on the following topics including:

- Bilingual first language acquisition
- Bilingualism in atypical and impaired children and adults
- Bilingual language processing and production
- Acquisition of second and third languages in childhood and adulthood
- Comparative studies of languages and their interactions in contact situations
- Comparative studies in phonetics/phonology/syntax/semantics involving a Chinese language

Paper Presentation:

Each author may submit one proposal as the first author and another as co-author. Each paper presentation will be 30 minutes in length (20 minutes for presentation, followed by a 10-minute question & answer period). The language of presentation may be English, Cantonese or Mandarin.

- Deadline for submission of abstract: **January 31, 2012**

Please send your submissions for paper presentations to the following email address, in the following manner:

- To: cbcl@cuhk.edu.hk
- Subject: paper submission

Please send the following information in the main text of your email and your abstract as an attachment no later than 31 January 2012.

1. title of paper
2. name(s) of author(s)
3. affiliations of author(s)
4. mailing address for contact person
5. email address(es) of author(s)
6. telephone number for contact person
7. keywords (about 5 words)

Title and Abstract:

Please do not include any information in your abstract which may reveal your identity, as the review process will be conducted anonymously.

(a) Format

1. Number of pages
paper: maximum 2 pages A4 or letter-size paper (including title, tables, figures, and references)
2. Paper size: A4 or letter-size
3. Margins:
In the case of A4, Top and Bottom: 30mm, Left and Right: 25mm
In the case of letter-size, all margins: 1 inch
4. Font: Times New Roman (or a similar font)
5. Font size: 12 point for text, 10 point for references
6. Length of abstract & line spacing: single-space, 500 words maximum

(b) Please save the file as a pdf, text, or Word file under your last name (e.g., Li.pdf).

Notification of acceptance will be made by the middle of February 2012.