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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Second Call for Papers

We are pleased to announce the 2nd Call for Papers for the 5th International Conference of the American Pragmatics Association (AMPRA), held 16-18 October 2020 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. The goal of this conference is to promote both theoretical and applied research in pragmatics, and to bring together scholars who are interested in different subfields of pragmatics (philosophical, linguistic, cognitive, social, intercultural, interlanguage, etc.). The four main topical strands of the conference are as follows:

- (i) **Pragmatics theories**: neo-Gricean approaches, relevance theory, theory of mind, meaning, role of context, common ground, semantics-pragmatics interface, explicature, implicature, speech act theory, presuppositions, grammaticalization, im/politeness, etc.
- (ii) **Experimental pragmatics**: models of language and meaning, experimental techniques, scalar implicatures, reference resolution, interpretation of figurative language, etc.
- (iii) **Intercultural, cross-cultural and societal aspects of pragmatics**: research involving more than one language and culture, or varieties of one language, intercultural pragmatics, interlanguage pragmatics, variational pragmatics, social pragmatics, lingua franca, computer-mediated communication (CMC), bilinguals' and heritage speakers' language use, intercultural misunderstandings, effect of dual language and multilingual systems on the development and use of pragmatic skills, language of aggression and conflict, etc.
- (iv) **Applications**: usage and corpus-based approaches, pragmatic competence, teachability and learnability of pragmatic skills, pragmatic variations within one language and across languages, developmental pragmatics, cyber pragmatics, etc.

In addition to proposals for these topical strands we invite proposals for a special **Panel on African American Pragmatics** to promote research in this underserved field. This panel is chaired by Lisa Green, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA.

Confirmed Keynote Speakers

John W. Du Bois (University of California, Santa Barbara, USA)

Elena Semino (Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK)

Maite Taboada (Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada)

Acknowledgement

The location of this conference, UBC's Point Grey Campus, is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) people. The land it is situated on has always been a place of learning for the x^wməθk^wəyəm people, who for millennia have passed on their culture, history, and traditions from one generation to the next on this site.

Abstract Submission:

Abstracts must be 250 words max. in length (including title, excluding references); 400 words max. in length for Panels (including title, excluding references). Submissions are limited to one individual and one joint abstract per person.

Abstracts & proposals for all presentation formats must be submitted through **EasyAbstracts** (<http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/ampra2020>). The system has opened on November 1, 2019.

When submitting the abstract or proposal, please specify your preference of format as well as the strand (i, ii, iii, iv or v African American Pragmatics) you would preferably like to be considered for.

Presentation Formats:

Panels: Panel organizers are expected to send their proposal (max. 400 words) with a list of possible participants to the conference committee. Panel sessions will be scheduled for no more than two time-slots (2x90 minutes).

Roundtables:

Roundtable organizers can invite up to six scholars to discuss one or more issues in any subfield of pragmatics. Contributions to the roundtable can be in different formats such as short debate-starters, opinion-summaries, questions, etc.

'Traditional' Presentations:

Papers submitted for this format must be research papers that present the results of a research project. Accepted papers will get 30 minutes for presentation, including discussion time.

Short Presentations:

Papers submitted for this format must be statement papers, work-in progress papers or opinion papers. Accepted papers will get 20 minutes for presentation, including discussion time.

Poster Presentations:

A poster presentation is regarded as an advertisement of an on-going project. It combines text and graphics to present a project in a way that is visually interesting and accessible.

Abstract submission for all formats:

Early Deadline: **March 5, 2020**

Notification of Acceptance: March 25, 2020

Abstracts submitted **before April 15, 2020** will receive a notification by May 15, 2020 and will be able to take advantage of the early bird registration.

Late Acceptance: **June 15, 2020** (no abstracts will be processed after this date)

Notification of Acceptance: July 15, 2020.

Conference fee:

Regular registration: \$360 CAD (before August 20, 2020)

Early bird registration: \$310 CAD (before May 20, 2020)

Students (with valid I.D.): \$200 CAD (before May 20, 2020); \$220 CAD (before August 20, 2020)

Conference fee covers attendance to all sessions, coffee/tea breaks during the conference, welcome reception, conference materials and kit.

Details about the conference dinner, including information on how you can sponsor a graduate student, will be available soon.

AMPRA membership:

To submit an abstract for consideration, prospective participants are not required to be AMPRA members. However, if the abstract is accepted for presentation and the successful submitter wishes to participate at the conference, they must be a member of AMPRA. The membership fee, which covers membership for a

period of 24 months, is \$80 for non-students, and \$40 for students. More details about membership fees and a link to the payment site can be found on the AMPRA website: <https://americanpragmaticsassociation.org/>

If a participant wishes to attend the conference without giving a paper/poster, it is not necessary for them to be(come) an AMPRA member. 3-day guest passes can be purchased online prior to the conference for \$300 CAD. This fee covers attendance to all sessions, coffee/tea breaks during the conference and welcome reception.

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Graduate Student Travel Award

AMPRA will offer **eight travel awards** to support conference travel (\$500.00 USD each) for graduate students.

If you are interested in participating in the 2020 AMPRA Graduate Student Travel Award competition, please submit your abstract through EasyAbstract with the following highlighted note preceding the text: “REQUEST for Graduate Student Travel Award”.

In order to be eligible for the Graduate Student Travel Award your work needs to be original, innovative, and should make a contribution to any area of pragmatics.

Accepted abstracts with the note “REQUEST for GSTA” will be re-examined by the AMPRA Executive Board. Award winners will be notified together with their notification of acceptance of their abstracts on March 25th. They will also be announced on the AMPRA and conference websites thereafter.

Awards checks will be handed over to the eight winners at the AMPRA conference (OCT 16-18, 2020).

We look forward to receiving your application!

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