



## CALL FOR PAPERS

Associazione Italiana di Linguistica Applicata (AItLA; the AILA affiliated Italian Association of Applied Linguistics) is pleased to announce its 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference, which will take place at the University of Salento, Lecce, Italy, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015 (starting Thu. at 2 pm, and ending Sat. at 1 pm). Conference title:

"Language and Technology:  
methods, tools and new environments  
for language learning and applied linguistics"

The conference aims to highlight the links between most recent technologies (software, ICT, imaging tools) and applied linguistics, including computational and corpus approaches. We invite the submission of abstracts about any of the following areas:

**A) The impact and relevance of new technologies in applied linguistics**

- Research methods, including those for the definition of theoretical constructs, for data collection, and data analysis. This also includes instrumental and experimental approaches to the study of language and language learning (e.g., biomedical techniques such as EMA, EPG and UTI for the study of spoken language, and MRI and EEG for the study of the processing of linguistic information);
- Models for linguistic analysis (e.g., with reference to phonetics and phonology, morphosyntax, semantics);
- Techniques of automated analysis and statistical validation of data in applied linguistics, including corpus creation, annotation and analysis.

**B) Relations between information and communication technologies, and linguistic and metalinguistic learning**

- Learning contexts where the access to resources and knowledge is favoured by the use of multimedia and internet tools (e.g., critical reflections on *e-learning* or MOOC courses);
- Forms of "virtual mobility" aimed at offering students the possibility to study a language or acquire knowledge about a language in an international environment (e.g., video-conferencing, virtual reality,

telecollaborative language learning programmes and use of *Second Life*).

**C) Features of computer-mediated communication**

- Analysis of communicative processes and products (e.g., lexical, syntactic and pragmatic features in interpersonal communication) in written, aural or signed form, performed by means of ICT technologies.

The conference programme will include (a) five invited plenary speakers (Prof. Harald Baayen, Prof. Barbara Gili Fivela, Prof. Mirko Grimaldi, Prof. Marie-Noelle Lamy, Prof. Tommaso Minerva), and (b) papers and posters selected by the Scientific Committee among the abstract received. Papers will be of 20 minute duration, followed by 10 minutes for discussion; posters will first be presented in 5 minute plenary sessions and then exposed in a dedicated space. AITLA welcomes submissions in Italian, English, French, German, Portuguese and Spanish.

Please send your paper or poster abstract of 600-1000 words to [congresso@aitla.it](mailto:congresso@aitla.it) by **7<sup>th</sup> July 2014**, indicating the type of presentation (paper or poster) and the author(s) name(s) and affiliation(s). The abstracts will be reviewed anonymously and selected according to the following criteria: (1) quality of theoretical orientation; (2) quality of research design, if applicable; (3) significance of findings. Acceptance of proposals will be notified by **15<sup>th</sup> August 2014**. Presenters who are interested in having their work published in a conference volume of selected papers should send their full and final texts to [congresso@aitla.it](mailto:congresso@aitla.it) by **23<sup>th</sup> March 2015**. The selection will be based on the criteria above. Papers will be accepted in Italian, English, French, German, Portuguese and Spanish. They will be published in Italian.

For further information on AITLA or the Conference, please refer to [www.aitla.it](http://www.aitla.it).

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