

The 22nd Annual Conference of the International Association of Urban Language Studies Call for Papers Notice No. 1

The 22nd Annual Conference of the International Association of Urban Language Studies (ULS22) will be held at Beijing Jiaotong University, from September 19th to 22nd, 2025. The conference is jointly hosted by the School of Language and Communication Studies of Beijing Jiaotong University, the International Association of Urban Language Studies (IAULS) and China Research Centre for Language Strategies (Nanjing University). All authors are kindly encouraged to contribute to and help shape the conference through submissions of their research abstracts and papers.

I Conference theme

The conference theme is “New scenarios in language and communication”. New scenarios in language and communication emerge in the changing world today, as a result of the increasing complexities of social organization, the advance of technologies, and the combination of the social and technological innovations. The theme of the conference intends to promote interdisciplinary study of language in its communicative functions and to enhance the awareness of the developing trends in human communication in the age of artificial intelligence. Following the tradition of the Urban Language Seminar (ULS) series, the 2025 ULS conference welcomes research on languages from diversified perspectives, utilizing both quantitative and qualitative approaches. Other related topics include, but are not limited to:

- (1) New Scenarios of Language Application in Society
- (2) New Scenarios of Language Technology Application
- (3) Child Language Acquisition and Education
- (4) Urban Language Planning and Language Policy
- (5) Linguistic Symbols and Communication Strategies in City Image
- (6) Linguistic Diversity and Smart Cities
- (7) New Urbanisation and Urban Dialects
- (8) New Topics in Sociolinguistics

II Date and Venue

Date: September 19th-22nd, 2025

Venue: School of Language and Communication, Beijing Jiaotong University

(Si yuan West Building, Beijing Jiaotong University, No.3 Shangyuan Village, Haidian District, Beijing <https://yyxy.bjtu.edu.cn/cms/>)

III Keynote Speeches

The conference organizers have invited the following internationally-renowned scholars to deliver keynote speeches: Li Yuming (Beijing Language and Culture University) (confirmed), Li Wei (University College London) (confirmed), Hua Zhu (University College London) (confirmed), Yoshiyuki Asahi (National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics) (confirmed), James Walker (University of Melbourne) (confirmed), Guofang Li (University of British Columbia) (TBC),

Richard Van Ness Simmons (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) (TBC), and Marinus van den Berg (Leiden University) (TBC), among other distinguished scholars.

IV Submission Requirements

Participants are required to submit an abstract of their paper, with the following specifications:

1. The abstract should include the paper title, main body of the abstract, keywords, and references.

2. Language: Chinese, English, or Japanese.

3. Word count: 600 characters for Chinese, 500 words for English, and 800 characters for Japanese (the word limit includes the title, main body, and keywords, but does not include references). The abstract should not contain any charts or graphs, and references should not exceed five items.

4. The abstract should be submitted in PDF format, with the file name being the first five words of the paper title: XXXXX.pdf; no personal information should appear in the file.

5. The paper abstract should be sent as an attachment to the dedicated email address uls2025@163.com; the email subject should be: ABSTRACT_ULS22; the email body should include: the author's name, title, affiliation, paper title, and email address.

V Important dates

1. Abstract submission: Feb 15th, 2025 (start) --- May 30th, 2025 (deadline)

2. Notification of acceptance and sending of invitation letters: June 30th, 2025

VI Conference registration fees

Registration fee: The registration fee for non-IAULS members is 1200 RMB; for IAULS members, it is 600 RMB. Membership discounts available for new members joining within 30 days of acceptance notification. Travel and other expenses are to be covered by the participants themselves.

VII Conference Contacts

IAULS Website: <https://www.iauls.com>

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