

# LAGB Annual Meeting 2005: University of Cambridge

## *First Circular and second call for papers*

The 2005 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain will be held at the University of Cambridge, at Fitzwilliam College, from 31st August to 3rd September. The local organisers will be Theresa Biberauer and Raffaella Folli (the **\*new\*** meeting email address is [LAGB@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:LAGB@hotmail.co.uk) – please use this and not any address previously advertised). The 2005 meeting will last four days and will feature several special events, including two invited speakers and an invited Language Tutorial.

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### Special events

1. The **Henry Sweet Lecture 2005**: will be delivered by Gennaro Chierchia (Università degli Studi di Milano) on the evening of 31st August, with the title ‘Recursive pragmatics’.
2. There will also be a **Workshop** on ‘Pragmatics, Multidimensional Semantics, and Syntax’, related to the Henry Sweet lecture, featuring invited speakers, and organised by Gennaro Chierchia (Università degli Studi di Milano) and Katarzyna M. Jaszczolt (University of Cambridge) on the afternoon of 31st August.
3. The **Linguistics Association Lecture 2005**: will be delivered by David Pesetsky (MIT) on 3rd September, with the title ‘Subcategorization phenomena and Case-theory effects: some possible explanations.’
4. There will also be a special, **themed session**, related to the David Pesetsky’s Linguistics Association Lecture with the title ‘Complementation and Selection for Syntactic Categories’, **for which abstracts are now invited**. These should be submitted in the same way as abstracts for the general sessions, but should be clearly marked that they are intended for the special session.
5. There will be a **Language Tutorial** on Pirahã, given by Daniel L. Everett (University of Manchester).
6. There will be a session organised by the LAGB’s **Education Committee** with the theme ‘An A-level in Linguistics?’

**\*\*New Deadline for abstracts\*\***: the new deadline for the submission of abstracts is **\*\*11th April\*\*** (for details of abstract submission, see below – a new feature for this year is that abstracts may be submitted either in hard copy or electronically); sets of abstracts may be submitted together for a themed session of your choice (for further details, see below).

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### NEW: satellite conferences

Two satellite conferences have been organised to fit around this year’s LAGB meeting; please contact the organisers of these events directly for further details...

- a workshop on **Perfectivity and Telicity** (September 4th), to be held at the University of Cambridge; for further details see <http://dingo.sbs.arizona.edu/~hharley/2005Workshop/>.
  - a conference on **The Structure of Parametric Variation** (September 5th - 7th), to be held at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne (abstract deadline: 15th April 2005); for further details see <http://people.pwf.cam.ac.uk/mtb23/NSP/Futureevents.html>
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### Venue

Fitzwilliam College is one of the more modern colleges within the University of Cambridge, situated away from the busy town centre at the top of the only hill in Cambridge, Castle Hill. The College enjoys a large and peaceful site, off the main tourist route, but within 10 minutes’ walking distance from the city centre. It was built in the 1960s in the grounds of The Grove, a splendid Regency house which is now part of the college. Last year saw the completion of a new entrance on Storey’s Way, providing the College with new face which opens onto one of Cambridge’s best-kept secrets: Fitzwilliam’s beautiful gardens. The College is situated right next door to two other Cambridge colleges: New Hall, and Churchill College, which houses some of the most interesting collections in the city, including the papers of Winston Churchill. More information about Fitzwilliam can be found at <http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/>

**Accommodation**: will be provided on site at Fitzwilliam, and a selection of different types of single rooms (with either (i) en suite bathroom, (ii) en suite shower and wash- basin or (iii) wash basin only) will be available.

**Travel**: Cambridge is located just 60 miles (approximately 100kms) north of London. Stansted is the closet airport (50 minutes away by bus and roughly 45 minutes by train), with hourly connections available from the airport terminal. The city is also well connected to Heathrow airport and there is also a convenient rail-link via London King’s Cross station. More information on transport and directions to Cambridge can be found on the University website at <http://www.cam.ac.uk/cambarea/> (consult the ‘Travel Information’ section).

## Call for Papers

Both members and non-members are invited to offer papers for the Meeting. The LAGB welcomes submissions on any topic in the field of linguistics; papers are selected on their (perceived) merits, and not according to their subject matter or assumed theoretical framework.

### How and when to submit an abstract

Abstracts may be submitted *either* (i) on paper by post *or* (ii) by email (no other means are possible); the procedure for submitting abstracts electronically is new and details are given below. The format for the abstract should be as set out below – this is the same for both means of submitting an abstract.

(i) For **paper** submissions: FIVE anonymous copies of the abstract, plus ONE with name and affiliation, i.e. CAMERA-READY, should be submitted, and should be sent in the format outlined below to the President by post (see address below). You should write your address for correspondence (email or surface, although email is very much preferred) on the BACK of the camera-ready copy. (Even if several authors are named on the front, there should be only one name and address for correspondence.)

(ii) For **electronic** submissions: you will need to send an email with TWO attachments – one of the attached files should be an anonymous copy of the abstract (and should be named yoursurname-anon.pdf, or yoursurname.doc, etc.), and the other should have your name and affiliation, i.e. be CAMERA-READY (and should be named yoursurname-name.pdf, etc.). The abstracts should be sent in the format outlined below, and the email should be sent to the President by email (to THIS ADDRESS: [pres@lagb.org](mailto:pres@lagb.org)). In the body of the email that you send the attachments with, you should write your address for correspondence (email or surface, although email is very much preferred). (Even if several authors are named on the front, there should be only one name and address for correspondence.) The attached files should be in one of the following formats: pdf (preferred), or Word, or plain text. Any phonetic characters should either be embedded in a pdf file, or use the SIL IPA93 Doulos font, which can be downloaded for free from this site: [http://scripts.sil.org/cms/scripts/page.php?site\\_id=nrsi&id=encore-ipa](http://scripts.sil.org/cms/scripts/page.php?site_id=nrsi&id=encore-ipa).

Papers for the programme are selected anonymously – only the President knows the name of the authors. If an abstract is accepted for the meeting, the camera-ready copy will be used to produce the abstracts booklet. All abstracts should be accompanied by an account of any special requirements regarding audiovisual equipment (other than an OHP). While we will make every effort to provide such equipment, we cannot guarantee that it will be available. The normal length for papers delivered at LAGB meetings is 25 minutes (plus 15 minutes discussion).

All abstracts must arrive by **\*11th April 2005\***. The committee will plan the programme as soon as it has selected the successful abstracts, so please indicate on the anonymous abstracts if you cannot present your paper on any particular day during the conference. It is very difficult to reschedule papers after the programme has been planned. Please indicate an accompanying letter or email if your abstract is intended for the themed session on ‘Complementation and Selection for Syntactic Categories’.

### Abstract format

Abstracts must be presented as follows: the complete abstract (i.e. the one containing your title and your name) must be no longer than ONE A4 page (21cm x 29.5cm) (or standard ‘American letter’ size if A4 paper is not available to you) with margins of at least 2.5cm on all sides. Only the first page of any abstract submitted will be considered – no appendices or page for references can be accepted. You may use single spacing but type must be no smaller than 12 points. If the paper is accepted, the abstract will be photocopied and inserted directly into the collection of abstracts sent out to participants, so the presentation should be clear and clean.

The following layout should be considered as standard:

(title) **Optimality and the Klingon vowel shift**

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(institution) Department of Astrology, Eastern Mars University

### Content of abstracts

The following guidelines may be useful:

- You should clearly describe the paper’s general topic. (The topic may be a problem of theory or analysis or set of data which have not previously been analysed.)

- You should describe your treatment of the topic, and how it relates to previous work on the same topic. (When referring to previous work, it is enough to quote “Author (Date)” without giving full bibliographical details.) It is not acceptable simply to promise a solution.
- You should explain how you will justify your treatment, and quote crucial evidence - you must trust the committee (and other conference attenders) not to steal your ideas before you have presented them. If you are taking a stand on a controversial issue, summarise the arguments which lead you to take up this position.

### **Themed sessions**

As well as individual abstracts, groups of speakers may submit a set of abstracts for a themed session (or panel) on any subject of their choice. Such groups will normally take up a whole session, and group members may apportion their time within that as they wish (ideal numbers of abstracts for such sessions might be 3, 4, 5 or 6). All the abstracts for such sessions will be considered together, as a group, and one contact for the whole session should be provided. Abstracts for such themed sessions should be submitted together, to the President, with the same format as specified for individual abstracts. Please contact the president directly if you have any questions about this.

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### **Conference Bursaries for postgraduate students and unwaged members**

Up to fifteen bursaries are available for unsalaried members of the Association (e.g. PhD students); preference will be given to those who are presenting a paper, but if there are not fifteen applications from those presenting papers, applications from non-presenting attenders will also be considered. Applications should be sent to the President (address below), and must be received by the deadline for abstracts (4th April). If you are submitting an abstract and applying for a bursary, **BOTH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER**; if you are submitting your abstract electronically, you should include the application as another attachment to the main message. If you are not submitting an abstract, but are still eligible, then you are still encouraged to apply (either hard copy or by post), as we have sometimes been able to award bursaries to non-presenting postgraduates in previous years.

Applicants for bursaries must be members of the Association, although applications for membership may be submitted at the same time as applications for bursaries (applications for membership should be sent to the Membership Secretary). There is no application form for the bursaries – please simply set out in writing: (a) your date of joining the LAGB (b) whether or not you are a student; (c) if a student, the details of your course of study and whether or not you receive a grant or studentship; (d) if not a student, your employment situation. The bursary normally covers the registration fee and travel within the UK, but not accommodation costs. Those presenting a paper will receive an additional amount of GBP40 as a contribution to other costs.

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### **Communications with the membership**

Website: the LAGB website can be found at [www.lagb.org](http://www.lagb.org).

Mailing list: Please ensure that you have joined the LAGB mailing list, which is used for disseminating LAGB information and for consulting members quickly. You can subscribe by sending a message to [majordomo@essex.ac.uk](mailto:majordomo@essex.ac.uk), with the following as the **body** (not subject line) of the message: “subscribe lagb” (without the quotes and with nothing else in the message).

Changes of address: members are reminded to notify the Membership Secretary of changes of address. An institutional address is preferred as bulk mailing saves postage.

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### **Future Meetings**

All meetings are held in late August / early September:

2006 University of Newcastle upon Tyne

2007 Your university here...?

**The Meetings Secretary would very much like to receive offers of future venues, particularly from institutions which the LAGB has not previously visited.**

Nominations for speakers, workshops and language tutorials (language and/or speaker) at future meetings are requested; all suggestions should be sent to the Honorary Secretary. The nominations collected will be voted on by the membership at the Annual General Meeting, which is held as part of the Annual meeting.

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### **Nominations for a new President**

The president is to step down from this year, so nominations are requested for a replacement. The committee has its own nominee, but any member may, of course, still be nominated by any other member. Nominations should be sent to the Assistant Secretary by 1st June 2005.

### **Nominations for a place on the LAGB's Education Committee**

The LAGB also invites applications for a place on its Education Committee, which is about to become vacant when Keith Brown steps down for an extremely well-earned rest. The remaining members are Sue Barry, Billy Clark and Dick Hudson. The new member will replace Keith as one of the LAGB's four representatives on the Committee for Linguistics in Education, as well as taking part in email discussion of policy matters and attending other occasional meetings on the LAGB's behalf.

CLIE meets three times a year (for more details, see [www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/cliemeetings.htm](http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/cliemeetings.htm)) and the Education Committee generally meets before each of these meetings. Travel expenses to CLIE and other committee meetings (but not to LAGB conferences) are paid by the LAGB. For more information on the Education Committee and its activities, see [www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/ectop.htm](http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/ectop.htm). The main qualifications for selection are: (a) enthusiasm for building a bridge between linguistics and education (especially, but not solely, at school level) in the UK and (b) being a reasonably active and regular participant at LAGB conferences. The choice will be made by the LAGB Committee in consultation with the Education Committee. If you would like to be considered, please send a brief message to Dick Hudson ([dick@ling.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:dick@ling.ucl.ac.uk)) by the end of March. If you think you need an introduction to the Committee, please let us know whatever you think will be helpful.