

LAGB Annual Meeting 2012

Wednesday 5th – Saturday 8th September

University of
Salford
MANCHESTER



FIRST CIRCULAR & CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain will be held at the University of Salford, Manchester from 5th to 8th September. The local organisers are **Oliver Bond**, **Iván García-Álvarez** and **Heike Pichler**. The Meeting will last four days and will feature several special events, listed below.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Henry Sweet Lecture

Professor Mark Baker

Rutgers

'Parameters of case marking'

Association Lecture

Professor Lisa Cheng

Leiden University

'Spelling out syntax'

SPECIAL EVENTS

Syntax workshop

There will be a **special workshop on syntax** related to Mark Baker's Henry Sweet Lecture, on 5th September organized by Anders Holmberg.

Language tutorial

There will be a Language Tutorial on **Gayo** (Gayo, Austronesian; Indonesia), given by **Domenyk Eades** (University of Salford).

Special themed session

There will also be a **special themed session** on 8th September, related to Lisa Cheng's Linguistics Association Lecture, with the title '**The syntax-phonology interface**', 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 as intended for the special session.

Education Committee Session

The LAGB Education Committee will hold a two-hour session on **whether a unified terminology is possible for grammar**. Further details are available on the Education Committee website:

www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/ecsessions.htm.

VENUE

The conference will be held on the Peel Park Campus of the **University of Salford, Manchester**. The City of Salford adjoins central Manchester and is famous as the home of the artist L. S. Lowry, the Imperial War Museum North, 16th Century Ordsall Hall and MediaCityUK at Salford Quays. Manchester itself is one of Britain's most dynamic cities, famous for its music culture, football teams, universities and exciting nightlife. The city boasts world-class galleries and museums, excellent shopping opportunities, and restaurants, pubs and bars to suit every taste.

<http://www.salford.ac.uk/>

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available in the very **centre of Manchester**, close to Manchester Oxford Road station, a six-minute train ride (or 30-minute walk) from the University of Salford campus. Further details will be provided in the second circular.

Travel

Manchester and the University of Salford are easily reached by road, rail or air, with direct connections from Manchester to most major cities in the UK. **Salford Crescent station** (on the University campus) is a 10 minute train ride from Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Victoria train stations, or can be reached by a short taxi ride from the city centre. Manchester's ring road connects the city to motorways to the north, south, east and west. Manchester Airport is a 15-minute train ride from Manchester city centre. From the airport, direct trains to the University of Salford (Salford Crescent station) run every 30 minutes; the average journey time is 30 minutes.

www.visitmanchester.com/#/transport.aspx

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 theoretical framework. All abstracts will be blind-peer reviewed by an international committee of reviewers.

The normal length for papers delivered at LAGB meetings is 25 minutes (plus 15 minutes discussion).

The deadline for submissions is **14th April 2012**.

All enquiries about abstract submission should be directed to the Meetings Secretary, Oliver Bond (*o.l.bond@salford.ac.uk*).

Themed sessions

As well as individual abstracts, groups of speakers may submit a set of abstracts for a themed session (or panel) on any linguistic subject of their choice. Such groups will normally take up a whole session (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, with the same format as specified for individual abstracts. They should be accompanied by a brief synopsis of the merits of the themed session. Please contact the President, Ad Neeleman (*a.neeleman@ucl.ac.uk*), if you have any questions about this

How and when to submit an abstract

Each person is permitted to submit a maximum of one single-authored paper and one-joint authored paper. All abstracts should be submitted electronically using EasyChair, which can be accessed at the following address: <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=lagb2012>

To be able to submit an abstract you must first sign up for an EasyChair account to access the LAGB submission page. Once you have created an account, please click on the New Submission link and follow the instructions on screen. The deadline for submissions is **14th April 2012**.

Abstract format

Abstracts must be no longer than **one A4 page** with margins of at least 2.5cm on all sides. Only the first page of any abstract submitted will be considered – no appendices or pages for references can be accepted. If the formatting instructions are not followed the abstract may not be considered. You may use single spacing but type must be no smaller than 12 points. Please indicate clearly on the anonymous abstract if your presentation is intended for the themed session on '**The syntax-phonology interface**'.

Abstracts must be submitted anonymously and should include no indication of the author's identity. The submitted files should be in one of the following formats: pdf (preferred), or Word (doc, docx), or plain text. Any phonetic characters should either be embedded in a pdf file, or be in the Doulos SIL font, which can be downloaded for free from this site: http://scripts.sil.org/DoulosSIL_download

If you are applying for a **conference bursary** (see eligibility details below), your abstract should be submitted in the normal way using the EasyChair system, but you must also fill in a bursary application form on the LAGB website (details below).

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 cite "Author (Date)" in the body of the abstract without giving full bibliographical details.) It is not acceptable simply to promise a solution.
 - You should explain how you will justify your treatment, and cite crucial evidence. If you are taking a stand on a controversial issue, summarise the arguments that lead you to take up this position.
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CONFERENCE BURSARIES

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 attendees will also be considered.

The bursary normally covers the conference registration fee and travel within the UK, but **does not include accommodation costs or the cost of meals**. Those presenting a paper will receive an additional amount of £40.00 as a contribution to other costs.

Applications for bursaries should be made online by the deadline for abstracts. To apply for a bursary, you will need to complete a form available on the LAGB website: <http://www.lagb.org.uk/bursaries-form> (since only members can apply for support, you will need to log-in to access the form).

While applicants for bursaries must be members of the Association, applications for membership can be quickly completed online and new members may then apply for a bursary in the normal way. To join the LAGB and see the benefits of membership, visit: <http://www.lagb.org.uk/members-benefits>

All enquiries about bursaries should be directed to the Assistant Secretary, Yuni Kim (yuni.kim@manchester.ac.uk).

COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE MEMBERSHIP

Website

The LAGB website can be found at: www.lagb.org.uk

LAGB Forum

In 2011, the LAGB mailing list was replaced by the **LAGB forum**, a subscription only mailing list for posting to the LAGB membership. Members can post to the list (and access all previous posts) by visiting the forum page: <http://www.lagb.org.uk/forum>. Please note that mailing list messages should be text only, without attachments.

Existing members who are not currently subscribed to the LAGB forum, but wish to receive posts from the membership direct to their email, are encouraged to subscribe by updating their personal settings on the LAGB website. To do this, follow the link to the forum: <http://www.lagb.org.uk/forum>, log-in to the site when prompted, and click on **subscribe to forum** on the right-hand-side of the screen. New members will receive instructions as to how to subscribe to the forum with their welcome letter.

Non-members cannot subscribe or post to the forum and need to join the LAGB if they wish to receive LAGB mailouts or contact members of the association in this way. Further information on joining the LAGB can be found here: <http://www.lagb.org.uk/members-benefits>

Change of contact details

Members are encouraged to make sure their contact information is up-to-date by logging-in to the LAGB website, and clicking on the **view profile** option in the left-hand navigation pane.

For enquiries regarding the LAGB forum, renewing your membership or joining the LAGB, please contact the Membership Secretary, Heike Pichler (h.pichler@salford.ac.uk).

FUTURE MEETINGS

All meetings are held in late August / early September:

2013 **School of Oriental and African Studies**, London (28th-31st August 2013)

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The Meetings Secretary, Oliver Bond (o.l.bond@salford.ac.uk), would very much like to receive **offers of future venues**, particularly from institutions that the LAGB has not visited for a while.

Nominations for speakers, workshops and language tutorials (language and/or speaker) at future meetings are also requested; all suggestions should be emailed to the Assistant Secretary, Yuni Kim (yuni.kim@manchester.ac.uk), by **31st August 2012**. The nominations collected will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting, which is held as part of the Annual meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ROLE OF TREASURER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND MEETINGS SECRETARY

The second term of office for the **Treasurer**, the first term of office for the **Meetings Secretary**, and the interim term of office for the **Assistant Secretary** end this year. The Meetings Secretary and the Assistant Secretary have expressed that they are willing to stand for a further term. Nominations for each of these positions are now invited from the membership. Any member of the Association may be nominated by any other member. Nominations for the position should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, David Willis (dwew2@cam.ac.uk), by **14th April 2011**.

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