

LAGB Annual Meeting 2006: University of Newcastle upon Tyne

First Circular and call for papers

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain will be held at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, from 30th August to 2nd September. The local organisers will be S.J. Hannahs and Tina Fry. The Meeting will last four days and will feature several special events, including two invited speakers and an invited Language Tutorial.

Special events

1. The **Henry Sweet Lecture 2006** will be delivered by Professor **Nick Evans** (University of Melbourne) on the evening of 30th August, with the title 'The pleasures and pains of careful articulation: stable nasal-stop clusters in Australian languages as a typological conundrum'.
2. The **Linguistics Association Lecture 2006** will be delivered by Professor **Sharon Inkelas** (University of California, Berkeley) on 2nd September, with the title 'The flip side of blocking: multiple exponence in agglutinating languages'.
3. There will also be a special **themed session** on 2nd September organised by Sharon Inkelas and Andrew Spencer, related to the Linguistics Association Lecture, with the title '**Exponence in morphology and syntax**', 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. For further details, see the call for papers for this session on the **last page of this circular**.
4. There will be a workshop on **Teaching Linguistics at University** organised by the UK Subject Centre for Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies.
5. There will be a **Language Tutorial** on **Iwaidja**, given by Professor Nick Evans (University of Melbourne).
6. There will be a session organised by the LAGB's **Education Committee** with the theme 'How can linguists help schools?' with contributions by Julie Blake (Villiers Park Educational Trust) and Sue Barry (Manchester Metropolitan) (see www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/ecsessions.htm).

Deadline for abstracts: 3rd April. For details of abstract submission, see below – abstracts may be submitted either electronically or in hard copy; sets of abstracts may be submitted together for a themed session of your choice (for further details, see below).

Venue

Rich in industrial heritage, the city of Newcastle upon Tyne has undergone a breathtaking transformation over the past decade, becoming – along with Gateshead on the south bank of the Tyne – an impressive cultural centre, with the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, the refurbished Quayside area, the Gateshead Millennium Bridge, and the Sage Gateshead complex of concert halls, together with continuing regeneration in other parts of the city.

At the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, the Linguistics section within the School of English now boasts twelve members of staff, making it one of the largest linguistics units in Britain. Additionally, there are some twenty other linguists in other departments throughout the University.

- Further local information will be available on the website: <http://lagb2006.ncl.ac.uk>

Accommodation will be provided nearby, and a selection of different types of single rooms (with either en suite bathroom or standard facilities only) will be available.

Travel: Newcastle upon Tyne is located in the North-East of England, near the coast. Newcastle Airport has links to major hub airports and is excellently connected to the city thanks to the light railway 'Metro' system. The city is also very well connected to the British road and rail system, and Newcastle is on the East-Coast Mainline, which is the train line that connects London and Edinburgh with frequent, comfortable trains. The University campus is in the city centre. More information on transport and directions to Newcastle can be found on the University website at <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/travel/maps/>

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. Abstracts should be formatted as explained below – this is the same for both means of abstract submission.

(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-anon.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 (to THIS ADDRESS: abstracts@lagb.org.uk). In the body of the email that you send the attachments with, you should include your address for correspondence (email or surface, although email is very much preferred); there should be only one name and address for correspondence, even if several authors are named on the abstract. 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 be in 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.

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. 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 or on ***3rd April 2006***. 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. Please indicate in an accompanying letter or email if your abstract is intended for the themed session on ‘**Exponence in morphology and syntax**’.

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 (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 pages 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 given 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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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)” 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 – 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.

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. 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 eligible for a bursary, then you are still encouraged to apply (either in hard copy or by email, to the President), 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, address below). The application form for the bursaries can be downloaded from the LAGB website from this address: <http://www.lagb.org.uk/a6.htm>.

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

Communications with the membership

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

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, 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 send notification of changes of address to the Membership Secretary (for contact details see below). An institutional address is preferred.

Future Meetings

All meetings are held in late August / early September:

2007 Kings College London: 29 August-1 September

2008 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, or 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 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 Treasurer and Meetings Secretary

The Treasurer's term of office ends this year, and he has indicated that he does not want to stand again, so nominations are requested for a replacement. The committee has one nomination, but further nominations are welcome and any member may be nominated by any other member. Nominations should be sent to the Assistant Secretary by ****3rd April 2006****.

The Meetings Secretary's term of office also ends this year, so nominations are also requested for this position. The current Meetings Secretary has indicated that he is prepared to stand again, but further nominations are welcome and any member may be nominated by any other member. Nominations should be sent to the Assistant Secretary by ****3rd April 2006****.

Call for papers for the themed session at the 2006 LAGB meeting, related to the Linguistics Association Lecture by Sharon Inkelas, and organised by Sharon Inkelas and Andrew Spencer.

Exponence in morphology and syntax

Work in realizational theories of morphology has emphasized the complex many:many relationship between form and function, particularly in agreement, and has seriously undermined classical conceptions of the morpheme as a Saussurean sign (Matthews 1972, Anderson 1977). Parallel cases of many:many: exponence (multiple exponence) are also recognized in syntax (e.g. Sells 2004). At the same time, attention is being increasingly focussed on the role of stems in morphology as purely formal ('morphomic') objects (Aronoff 1992, 1994; Blevins 2003, 2005; Luis & Spencer 2005; Stump 2001, Inkelas & Zoll 2005, amongst others), adding a new dimension to the description and analysis of apparent cases of multiple exponence in morphology.

We invite papers which develop such theoretical ideas and which explore the complexity of exponence in morphology and/or syntax. Some of the questions we have in mind include, but are by no means limited to the following: 'how is exponence factored out between stems, affixes and non-concatenative exponents such as tone, length, or stress alternations?', 'how are stems organized into types within paradigmatic systems?', 'to what degree does multiple exponence involve co-dependency between a morphomic stem and affix, as opposed to semantically redundant affixation', 'how does reduplication relate to affixal, stem-based and non-concatenative exponence in a realizational framework?', 'how do we distinguish between a process which selects distinct, albeit related stems or affixes, from a process which selects a single stem/affix which then displays (perhaps suppletive) allomorphy?', 'what parallel kinds of multiple exponence phenomena are found in syntax?', 'in cases of partial grammaticalization, in which a construction shows some syntactic and some morphological properties, how is the division of labour best described?'. The answers to some of these questions will require an explicit account of how morphology and syntax interrelate. For instance, will it ultimately prove necessary to adopt some version of Construction Grammar to achieve a smooth interface between the two components? We particularly welcome submissions which address this more general issue.

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