**BAAL 2022**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Theme: Innovation and Social Justice in Applied Linguistics**

1-3 September 2022, Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland (UK)

BAAL 2022 will be hosted by Queen’s University in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The conference’s theme *Innovation and Social Justice in Applied Linguistics* reflects an increasing interest in research that responds to real-world concerns within and beyond the field. In the face of a global health crisis and rising socio-racial awareness, our theme invites discussions around innovative and socially just practices in a field that is experiencing the multilingual, spatial, and social justice turn all at once. The current times are transformative and we hope that the conference theme will enable proposals from across disciplines and sub-disciplines of applied linguistics to stimulate conversations about the field’s responses to global turbulence and shifts. We also invite proposals to generate meaningful dialogue around current issues in language research.

We plan to hold the conference in-person with limited virtual options for participation. We will monitor the situation closely and reassess the situation in March 2022 and make a final decision as to whether the conference will be held in person or if we will have to move to an online format. Rest assured that all members will be updated as soon as any major decisions are made.

The BAAL 2022 Conference is brought to you by a team of applied linguists at School of Social Science, Education, and Social Work and School of Arts, English, and Languages at Queen’s University Belfast. Framed by mountains and sea, Belfast is the largest city in Northern Ireland and is a thriving hub for culture, technology, and the arts. It is home to a maintained Irish language and Ulster Scots presence alongside many varieties of English and the languages of newly arrived communities – a testament to its history as a site of language contact for centuries. Belfast can easily be reached by ferry ([directferries.co.uk)](https://www.directferries.co.uk/) or air, and George Best City Airport is just 10 minutes from the city centre and 15 minutes from Queen’s. Travel by ferry starts and ends at the city centre bus station.

**Plenary Speakers**

* Li Wei, University College London
* Khawla Badwan, Manchester Metropolitan University
* Vera Regan, University College Dublin
* Ahmar Mahboob, University of Sydney

**Conference organisers**

Sultan Turkan, Ibrar Bhatt, Sin Wang Chong, Mel Engman, Caroline Linse, Aisling O’Boyle (School of Social Science, Education, and Social Work); and Jane Lugea (School of Arts, English, and Languages)

**Conference email**: [Baal2022.Belfast@qub.ac.uk](about:blank)

**Conference webpage**: <https://www.baalconference2022.com/>

**Call for Papers**

We welcome abstracts for conceptual and empirical papers in any area of Applied Linguistics, broadly defined. Papers should offer something new and of interest to a BAAL audience. Abstracts for papers reporting on research should clearly outline aims, methods(s), and results. Conceptual papers should offer clear expositions of how the paper contributes to the field. Abstracts that specifically address the conference theme will be particularly welcome.

**Submission Guidelines**

* Deadline for Receipt of Abstracts: 31 March 2022
* Maximum abstract length: 300 words
* To submit your abstract please use link below:

<https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/3677/submitter>

* All submissions must be submitted online. If you have any queries please contact: [Baal2022.Belfast@qub.ac.uk](about:blank)

**Abstract type**

Indicate the type of abstract that you are submitting during the submission process. Please note that if your abstract is accepted, your contact details will be included in the book of abstracts unless you choose to opt out.

* Paper presentation (for parallel session or SIG track)
* Poster
* Colloquium

**Individual presentation for the parallel sessions**

Individual papers have 25 minutes: 20 for the presentation + 5 minutes for questions

**Individual presentation for a Special Interest Group (SIG) track**

If you believe your paper is of interest to a SIG track, please consider submitting it to one of the SIG tracks (all individuals, whether or not officially SIG members, are eligible). The SIG may then choose to include your paper in their track. Submitting your abstract to a SIG track may or may not lead to your paper being included in a SIG track and has no impact on abstract acceptance to the overall conference.

BAAL has fifteen Special Interest Groups. They are: (1) Corpus Linguistics; (2) Health and Science Communication; (3) Intercultural Communication; (4) Language, Gender and Sexuality; (5) Language and New media; (6) Language in Africa; (7) Language Learning and Teaching; (8) Language Policy; (9) Linguistic Ethnography; (10) Linguistics and Knowledge about Language in Education (LKALE); (11) Professional, Academic and Work-based Literacies (PAWBL); (12) Testing, Evaluation and Assessment; (13) Vocabulary Studies; (14) Multilingualism; (15) English as an Additional Language. Each SIG has a ‘track’ of papers at the annual BAAL conference, which will mirror the 25-minute format of papers presented at parallel sessions.

**Proposed Colloquia**

We invite colloquia on particular themes which have relevance to the conference. Colloquia last half a day and consist of a minimum of four papers. Colloquium proposers should plan their half day in four slots, aligned with a schedule of four individual papers. If they wish to include a larger number of papers, they may fit two papers into what would normally be a single presentation slot. Colloquia papers should cohere. The order of the papers should not be changed after acceptance. An abstract for the colloquium introduction is required along with abstracts for each paper within the colloquium (300 words per abstract).

**Posters**

We strongly encourage the submission of abstracts for posters. We aim to raise the profile of posters at our conference since we value them as equal to other forms of presentation, and we believe that they can tend to receive more feedback than individual papers. All posters will be listed in the book of abstracts, and there will be a dedicated area and time slot for discussion of poster presentations. There will also be a £50 prize for best poster displayed at the conference.

**Scholarships**

BAAL offers 5 conference scholarships (for students or early career researchers, with the latter defined as being within 2 years of PhD completion). Monies from a ring-fenced fund, contributed by donors, will pay for the additional ‘Chris Brumfit scholarship’, which is usually targeted at delegates from outside Britain who would not otherwise have funds to attend the BAAL Annual Meeting.

During the abstract submission process, you will be asked to indicate whether you want to apply for a scholarship. If so, we will send the scholarship application forms to you by email. Each candidate will also be required to provide two full references plus a list of other conferences they have attended and any other grants/scholarships that they have received for their studies.

If you intend to apply for the scholarship, please indicate on the abstract submission page.

All presenters MUST be BAAL members by the time they register for the conference.