



## 2018: Towards Language Aware Citizenship

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam 4 - 7 July



### Conference of the Association for Language Awareness (ALA2018, 4-7 July Amsterdam)

#### Call for papers

##### General information

The Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam is calling for proposals for papers, posters and workshops for the 14th International conference of the Association for Language Awareness (ALA2018).

**Submission deadline: 30 November.**

This year's theme, 'Towards language aware citizenship', invites researchers to contribute their ideas on language and citizenship in our diverse and globalizing world. What language-related topics should language aware citizens know about in order to understand each other, to enjoy the rich diversity, and to take part in society effectively? How do we make people aware of the role language plays throughout their lives, both private and professional? And to what effect?

We would like to invite scholars to present their research through the lens of language aware citizenship. Data presented may concern insights from e.g. linguistic analysis, analysis of perceptions of language, or research presenting experiences with language awareness approaches in different contexts. They may be relevant to a specific (professional) community, e.g. teachers, doctors or journalists, or could apply to society in general.

Themes that will be explored at the conference are:

- \* **Language awareness, education and learning**
- \* **Language awareness, culture, community and identity**
- \* **Language awareness, politics and the media**
- \* **Language awareness in different professions and contexts**

Please visit our website ([www.ala2018.com](http://www.ala2018.com)) for more information. For further inquiries you can contact us by email ([ala2018conference@gmail.com](mailto:ala2018conference@gmail.com)).

## Confirmed plenary speakers

James Cummins (University of Toronto)  
Laura Rupp (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)  
Gerard Steen (Universiteit van Amsterdam)

## Submission guidelines

We invite abstract proposals for paper sessions (20 minutes presentation plus 10 minutes discussion), poster sessions and 60-minute workshops (in which your audience experiences e.g. the type of analysis you did, the classroom approach central in your research, etc.).

Please submit your abstract (in PDF- or Word-format) via the **EasyChair ALA 2018 conference website** (<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ala2018>). Abstracts (for papers, posters or workshops) should be **no longer than 350 words** (you will have space to include 3 to 4 references; they are not included in the word count). Please make clear in your abstract how your topic applies to language awareness; if you would like to provide a workshop, please include a brief description of the workshop's activity and goals. When submitting your abstract, you will be asked to include three keywords and to indicate to which subtheme you would like to contribute.

Papers and workshops will be programmed in appropriate strands depending on the proposals we receive. If you would like to suggest your own panel session (2 or 3 papers on a similar topic), please approach us through the conference email address ([ala2018conference@gmail.com](mailto:ala2018conference@gmail.com)).

## Academic programme

The conference will consist of

- a workshop for PhD students / young scholars on Wednesday afternoon (e.g. a 'publication workshop')
- full paper presentations (20 minutes, 10 minutes Q&A)
- poster presentations (A0, portrait format)
- workshops

## Conference venue

The conference will take place at the VU Griffioen Cultural Centre which is in the Southern part of Amsterdam and easy to reach by public transport. It is located near the so-called Middelpolder and the Amstel, which allows for a nice stroll in Dutch scenery.

## ALA membership

If you are not yet a member of the Association for Language Awareness (ALA), we strongly recommend that you join now. ALA members will be charged a lower conference fee and will receive the official journal *Language Awareness* (four issues per year).

More information with respect to membership can be found on ALA's website:

[www.languageawareness.org](http://www.languageawareness.org).

## Scholarships

PhD students and early career researchers are encouraged to send in abstracts as they may qualify for an ALA conference scholarship. More information will be made available on our website [www.ala2018.com](http://www.ala2018.com).

## We hope to see you in Amsterdam!

The conference will be organised by members of the Vrije Universiteit Department of Teacher Education in cooperation with the Association for Language Awareness:

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