

The 4th International Conference on Ecolinguistics

Call for Papers

12-15 August 2019

University of Southern Denmark



Languageing and Eco-civilisation

The 4th International Conference on Ecolinguistics addresses: Languageing and Eco-civilization: Towards Consilience with the Life Sciences. The conference aims to bring about consilience (a bringing forth of new knowledge) that can unite those who acknowledge human responsibility for the well-being of the living world. Accordingly, we aim to connect ecolinguists with work in fields that include bio-ethics, ecocriticism, biosemiotics, economics and the environmental sciences.

Drawing on Eastern and Western thought, ecolinguistics is developing into a discipline built on a set of international conferences, a global network of ecolinguistic scholars, and a newly established journal and book series. ICE-4 extends how the previous three ICE conferences (held in Guangzhou, Beijing, and Guiyang) have linked ecolinguistics to the policy of building an ecological civilization

based on Chinese characteristics. Thus, the conference will strive to construct new ways of drawing on languages and languageing to create sustainable eco-civilizations.

Accordingly, ICE-4 will use a multidisciplinary context to connect old and new concerns with what linguistic expertise offers to the well-being of human and non-human forms of life. We pursue how linguists can contribute to making a transition to new eco-civilizations. Looking beyond discourse, we pursue how activity based on scientific, social and ethical concerns draws on linguistic expertise and skill. In so doing, we open up transdisciplinary work that strives to stem biological degradation while nurturing a new concern for sustaining life on earth.

Conference Themes

Can linguists and other scholars contribute to the development of eco-civilization? The question links linguistic issues with Eastern and Western views of knowledge/ethics. In considering practical consequences, we hope to develop consilience around the following:

1. How do languages (especially threatened languages) shape well-being by drawing on a history of interdependency between humans and their lived environments?

a. How can discourse about the environment and ecological issues be used to develop harmonious living within the bio-ecology by, for example, replacing the stories that underpin globalised culture with new ones.

2. How can the ethical basis of human life and languageing be used to:

- a. Raise awareness of human interdependence with the living world?
- b. Allow communities to harness the power of science while also recognizing its narrow epistemic limits?
- c. Pursue educational and communal ways of enhancing the well-being of local environments?

We encourage submissions that address languageing and eco-civilizations from theoretical or empirical perspectives, or from those directed at community and educational practices aimed at re-establishing harmony within the bio-ecology. We seek participation from ecolinguistics, applied and general linguistics, ecological humanities, environmental science, economics, philosophy, domains within the life sciences, cognitive science, semiotics, translation, communication, business, education and other related fields.

How to Submit

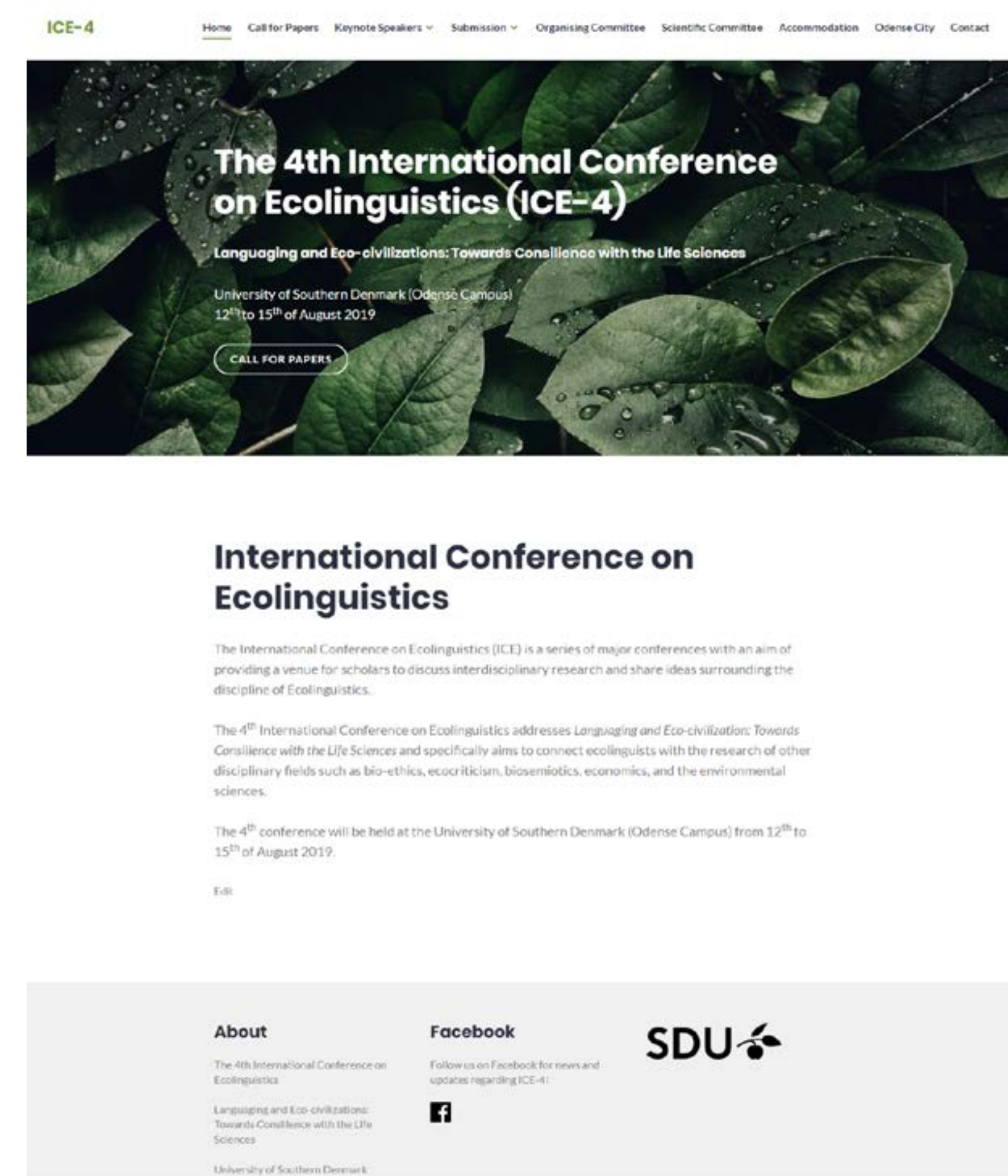
Abstracts and proposals should be uploaded through the appropriate submission page on www.ICE-4.dk. Primary language of submission is English.

Conference papers can be submitted either as an oral or a poster presentation. Paper abstracts (maximum 300 words) should be submitted by 1 March 2019. Speakers will be notified by 1 April 2019.

Proposals for thematic panels (including hand-on workshops, etc.)

are also invited. Thematic panels have a duration of two or three hours and may include four or six presentations. Proposals must contain a description of the panel/workshop (maximum 500 words), as well as a list of confirmed speakers, including short abstracts for individual speakers in the panel (maximum 150 words). Panel organisers should submit their proposal by 1 February 2019. Panel organisers will be notified by 20 February 2019.

Abstracts and proposals are to be submitted online through www.ICE-4.dk



Keynote Speakers

Arran Stibbe

University of Gloucestershire

Hildo H. do Couto

University of Brasília

Stephen Cowley

University of Southern Denmark

Huang Guowen

South China Agricultural University

Alwin Fill

Graz University

Peter Mühlhäusler

University of Adelaide

Alexander Kravchenko

Irkutsk State University

Mai Kuha

Ball State University

Peter Finke

Bielefeld University

Alison Moore

University of Wollongong

Venue

ICE-4 will be held at the University of Southern Denmark, Odense Campus. The university first opened its doors back in 1966 and has seen a steady growth since. Today the university has five faculties with more than 32,000 students, of whom 20% are from abroad, and 4,000 employees in campuses spread across Denmark in Slagelse, Kolding, Esbjerg, Sønderborg, and Copenhagen.

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Organisers

The ICE-4 conference is organised by the Research Centre for Human Interactivity (CHI) at the University of Southern Denmark. Pursuing ecological and interactivity-based approaches to language, interaction, and cognition, CHI works in the intersection between the humanities and the life sciences, aspiring to make both realms learn from the other. The Organising Committee consists of:

Sune Vork Steffensen (Chair)
Stephen Cowley
Rasmus Gahrn-Andersen
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