

The International Linguistic Association

69th Annual Conference

Beyond Human Language: The Impact of AI on Linguistics

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**John Jay College, City University of New York*
New York City, USA**

The theme of this conference, "Beyond Human Language: The impact of AI on Linguistics" asks how language is created, implicated, manipulated, used, learned, taught, and bought-and-sold by the integration of Artificial Intelligence into all aspects of our lives. It is not an overstatement to say that the arrival of AI upends every aspect of Linguistics from the way language gets created to the way language is used to the way language goes out of use. The relationship between language and AI emerges in a social and political context that forges new ways of human existence in the world.

This conference aims to move beyond the polarized debate over AI (complete acceptance to outright rejection) to consider the implications and impact of AI on language and linguistic inquiry in real time—our time. To the degree that language and AI are enmeshed in our lives, this conference calls on linguists and scholars to shed light on the effects of this relationship, both good and bad, both revolutionary and mundane.

All topics in linguistics and language scholarship are also welcome for presentation at this conference.

Topics for presentations, roundtables, and short workshops could include the following:

- Language evolution and AI
- AI and speech registers/speech communities
- AI and writing/writing systems
- AI and language learning/teaching
- AI and cognition
- AI and translation/interpretation
- AI and linguistic research and scholarship
- Computational Linguistics
- Linguistic analysis, intelligibility, and recognizability of AI-produced material
- Distinctions between AI's Large Language Models (LLMs) and human language
- AI and linguistic/semiotic creativity, authorship, personal writing, and writer's voice
- AI and minoritized, regional, Indigenous, and racialized language varieties
- Language and AI under different political circumstances (e.g., colonialism, capitalism, autocracy)
- Prompt engineering
- All other language and linguistics-related concerns

For more information, please visit [our website](#). You may also direct questions to the conference organizer, Prof. Shonna Trinch, at strinch@jjay.cuny.edu

Plenary Speakers

To be announced.

Conference Registration Information

It is necessary to [become a member](#) of the ILA to participate in the annual meeting, which costs either \$60 (or \$30 for special status membership). One can become a member of the ILA at any time, and membership includes a year's subscription to the ILA journal, *WORD*. Reduced membership fees and conference registration rates are available to students, retirees, contingent faculty, K-12 teachers, and residents of [soft-currency countries](#). Please join [here](#) before registering for the conference [here](#).

Registration fees (pay [online](#)):

- Regular Rate: \$250
- Reduced Rate graduate students, retirees, and residents of soft-currency countries: \$200

One Day Registration (pay [online](#)):

- Members and non-members: \$100
- Graduate students and Retirees: \$75
- John Jay College faculty, staff, and students attend free with registration and College ID

Conference Venue

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
524 West 59th Street
New York, New York 10019

Submit an Abstract

Submit your abstract [here](#) by March 23, 2026.

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