



Association for French  
Language Studies



CALL FOR PAPERS

## Reconsidering Relations between Theory, Methods and Data in French Linguistics

Nancy, 8-10 September 2011

The 2011 AFLS conference (*Association for French Language Studies* – <http://www.afls.net/>) is hosted by the CNRS – Nancy Université research unit ATILF (*Analyse et Traitement Informatique de la Langue Française* – <http://www.atilf.fr/>) in Nancy, France, 8-10 September. The theme for AFLS 2011 is: “Reconsidering Relations between Theory, Methods and Data in French Linguistics”.



The 2011 conference, celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AFLS and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ATILF, will be a forum for exploring issues relating to the use of computerized data for the study of French and the links between tools and analysis: how do we use corpora and databases? What are the underlying theoretical and/or methodological considerations? Beyond specific questions relating to resources, this conference also aims to attract researchers working more generally on questions of data use for the study of language.

Papers are invited on the ways in which researchers use existing resources, taking into account the different issues mentioned above. Papers may also deal with the reasons for elaborating new resources or issues to do with types of data use, management of resources and computing issues, creation of reliable archives and standardization of resources and metadata. Interdisciplinary studies or those looking at similar issues applied to languages other than French are also welcome insofar as they contribute to the general areas of reflection given above.

See conference web site ([www.atilf.fr/afls2011](http://www.atilf.fr/afls2011)) for full presentation and state of the art.

### Proposals

Proposals should be sent as a .doc, .rtf or .odt file to the following address **before March 4 2011**: [afls2011@atilf.fr](mailto:afls2011@atilf.fr). They should take the form of a two-page document: on the first page, title of paper, author's name, address and professional affiliation; on the second page, title of paper and anonymous abstract **no longer than 400 words** accompanied by 4-5 keywords and any given references. The abstract should mention explicitly the given area(s) into which the work best fits: historical linguistics, sociolinguistics, acquisition and language learning (L1/L2), descriptive linguistics, handling of resources and computer tools. Proposals that do not fall within one or more of these broad areas, but which relate to the general theme of the conference, will also be considered. In these cases, the author is asked to specify the particular area(s) concerned. The languages of the conference are French and English; the

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proposal should be in the intended language of communication. Presentations will be scheduled for 30 minute slots (20 minutes followed by 10 minutes for questions).

All proposals will be reviewed anonymously by at least two members of the international panel of specialists (chosen from the AFLS research committee and the conference advisory board). PhD students wishing to be considered for the AFLS PhD student prize (best presentation by a doctoral student – see information on AFLS website) should clearly indicate this intention on the first page of their proposal by appending the following mention: “PHD STUDENT PRIZE AWARD”. Co-authored papers can only be considered for the award if all authors concerned are PhD students.

### **Key dates and information on conference venue**

The outcome of the reviewing process will be communicated during the first week of April. Online registration will be possible from the beginning of April and an early-bird rate will be available for one month. Standard rate will be effective from the beginning of May through to July. Exact dates will be posted on the conference website.

There will be a publication of selected papers, details to be announced at a later date.

The conference is to be held in the conference centre in the city of Nancy located in north-eastern France, just 90 minutes from Paris by high-speed train. Nancy was one of the main centres for the development of *art nouveau* in France (*Ecole de Nancy*); the famous *Place Stanislas*, together with the *Place de la Carrière* and *Place d’Alliance* were placed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1983 (<http://www.ot-nancy.fr/>). The ATILF (formed from the fusion of INALF and LANDISCO) is home to the *Trésor de la langue française* and the *FRANTEXT* database.



### **Confirmed plenary speakers**

Lou Burnard (GB), Jenny Cheshire (GB), Tom Cobb (Canada), Catherine Kerbrat-Orecchioni (France),  
Christiane Marchello-Nizia (France)

### **Local organizing committee**

Virginie André, Christophe Benzitoun, Alex Boulton, Mathilde Dargnat, Jeanne-Marie Debaisieux, Bertrand Gaiffe, Yan Greub, Stéphanie Lignon, Alain Polguère, Henry Tyne

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