



FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

5th International conference Applied Linguistics and Professional Practice (ALAPP)

6-8 November 2015

Università degli Studi di Milano

Department of Studies on Language Mediation and Intercultural Communication
Milan, Italy

Language, discourse and action in professional practice

We are pleased to announce the call for the **5th International Conference on Applied Linguistics and Professional Practice (ALAPP)**, which will be held at the Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan Italy, 6-8 November 2015.

The conference aims to bring together scholars from various disciplinary backgrounds, especially those related to language and communication research, and professional specialities (e.g., mediation, management, business, law, journalism, education, healthcare, social care, therapy, translation and interpreting). A special emphasis will be on the role language and discourse as tools for action in professional practice and on relevant research. ALAPP 2015 welcomes contributions on any topic linking professional practice with language and communication issues.

Conference themes include:

- Language, communication and the professions
- Linguistic and semiotic aspects of professional expertise
- Identity construction in professional communication
- Use of lingua franca in professional encounters
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in professional contexts
- Multimodality in professional practice
- Professional practice, discourse and the new media
- Translation and professional practice
- The role of interpreting in professional encounters
- Language and reflexivity in the professions
- Linguistic training for professionals
- Professional practice and communication in the age of globalisation
- Language and institutional demands in professional contexts
- Professional practice and discourse in the East and in the West

Keynote speakers

Claudia Angelelli (Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK)

Maurizio Gotti (University of Bergamo, Italy)

Diane Hazlett (University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, UK)

Submission Guidelines

Submissions are to be made from January 1st to March 31st 2015 and should be directed to alapp2015.conference@unimi.it

Proposals will include panels and paper presentations (oral or poster).

For all submissions, clearly indicate:

- Abstract title, author names, and full institutional affiliations of the responsible (presenting) author and collaborating authors.
- Contact e-mail address and phone number for the responsible author.
- Up to three conference themes (feel free to indicate themes beyond the list above).

1) PANELS

Panels which will include approximately four thematically related papers should address a common theme, content or methodological area, and will be scheduled for 90 minutes.

In addition to individual proposals (no more than 250 words each), please also submit an overview description of no more than 300 words highlighting the panel's content and objectives. Provide information about the panel members and chair, stating full institutional affiliations and e-mail addresses.

2) INDIVIDUAL PAPERS

Proposals (no more than 250 words) can be made for either oral or poster presentations, so authors should indicate their preference. The organisers have the final decision about whether a proposal is selected for oral or poster presentation. Authors of poster presentations will be expected to discuss their poster during their assigned session. Oral presentations will typically be scheduled in 90-minute sessions, with 30 minutes (20 min. presentation + 10 min. discussion) allocated to each individual presentation.

3) WORK-IN-PROGRESS ROUNDTABLE

Proposals should be no more than 250 words targeted at oral presentation. The roundtables will be in sessions of 90 minutes, with individual presentations lasting 30 minutes (15 min. + 15 min. discussion). This format is particularly suitable for early career researchers pursuing doctoral and postdoctoral studies and for experienced researchers undertaking/planning pilot projects or have preliminary findings to report. Please indicate clearly if your proposal falls into this category.

Please note that ALAPP conference policy is one main oral presentation per author. You may choose to submit more than one proposal, but normally only one proposal will be accepted for oral presentation. Any additional accepted proposals may be presented as poster(s).

Proposals will be reviewed on the basis of the following criteria:

- originality of the topic and its relevance to the conference theme
- background contextualization of the study
- relationship between title and content, structural organization
- theoretical/methodological appropriateness
- clarity of claims/findings.

Individual panels are reviewed in their entirety on the above criteria but also on the basis of their relevance to broader issues in professional practice; the overall coherence of the proposal; and the usefulness of the panel to participants.

All proposals will undergo a double blind peer-review process.

The deadline for submission is March 31st 2015.

Decisions about acceptance will be communicated by April 30th 2015.

Following formal acceptance, the responsible (presenting) authors must register for the conference prior to the finalisation of the conference programme.

International Advisory Committee

Christopher N. Candlin, Laurent Filliettaz, Srikant Sarangi, Stef Slembrouck.

Organising Committee

Giuliana Garzone (conference chair), Paola Catenaccio, Dermot Heaney, Maria Cristina Paganoni, Giorgia Riboni.

Conference Venue

The Conference will take place in the new campus hosting the Polo di Comunicazione e di Mediazione Interculturale of the University of Milan, Piazza Indro Montanelli 1, Sesto San Giovanni (Milan).

Language of the Conference

The organising committee is pleased to accept presentations in English and Italian. It will be assumed that the language of the submission is consistent with the language of presentation.

Please note that there will be pre-conference Masterclass on 5th November 2015, led by Srikant Sarangi, titled "Engaging qualitatively with institutional and professional discourse".

Further information

For further information please contact: <alapp2015.conferenceunimi.it> or Giuliana Garzone <giuliana.garzone@unimi.it>.

Conference website: <http://users.unimi.it/alapp15/>, operational as from January 15th, 2015

Important dates:

September 13th 2014: Conference announcement

December 15th 2014: 1st call for papers

January 15th 2015: second call for papers

March 15th 2015: Final call for papers

March 31st 2015: Submission deadline

April 30th 2015: Decision of acceptance

June 1st 2015: Registration opening

July 31st 2015: Deadline for early bird registration

November 5h: Masterclass (Srikant Sarangi)

November 6th-8th 2015: ALAPP 2015 Conference