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First call for papers/workshops

SAALT conference 2024

10 – 12 July 2024

We should not judge people by their peak of excellence; but by the distance they have travelled from the point where they started.
Henry Ward Beecher

We are pleased to open the call for papers to be presented at the 2024 SAALT Conference.

Venue: Breakwater Lodge, Cape Town

Date: 10-12 July 2024

Theme: Celebrating 60 years of excellence in language teaching and learning in diverse contexts

Join us for an exciting conference dedicated to celebrating 60 years of excellence in language teaching and learning in South Africa. The conference theme encourages contributions on research in the fields of applied linguistics and with a specific focus on the changes and progression in the field of language teaching and learning. We, therefore, invite theme-related contributions from prospective participants in the form of papers, work-in-progress, symposia, seminars, colloquia, and workshops. We also welcome abstracts which address innovative thoughts on the development and progress of language teaching and learning over the past 60 years that are relevant to the foci of our five interest groups:

- Addressing diverse multilingual classroom realities
- Assessment and testing
- Advancements in technology: Language teaching and assessment
- Academic writing
- African languages taught the African way

The event will bring together international and local scholars, practitioners, stakeholders, and experts from various fields to share insights, find innovative solutions to complex problems, exchange views and to better understand the challenges and successes of language teaching and learning when designing learning materials, assessments, and policies and discuss best practices for leveraging the full potential of lessons learnt in the past 60 years to affect change in diverse linguistic landscapes.

We invite participation in the following formats.

Podium presentations:

- 20 minutes + 10-minute discussion.
- Length of abstract: maximum of 250 words.
- These are conventional papers reporting on completed research or project work.

Work in progress:

This format will be introduced in the form of short, **10-minute papers** offered around a table to an audience of no more than six delegates, followed by **5 minutes of discussion**. It is intended for, but not limited to, first-time presenters or for those who are working on a certain issue or project, and are not yet ready to present (preliminary) results in a full-length paper. It is also suitable for explaining the conception of a project that is about to commence, and to receive advice on appropriate scholarly outlets for the publication of results. **Each presentation will take place at a separate table but in a single venue, with several presentations happening simultaneously, and the audience changing three times within the hour set aside for this slot on the programme**.

Abstract of a maximum of 250 words is required.

Workshop:

These are gatherings of a more practical nature, in which one or more topics are presented. The duration of each can be 2 hours in the afternoon or full day. Please apply by submitting

- a one-pager programme/schedule for the workshop, and
- a description of what will be covered in a paragraph not exceeding 300 words.

Symposium, seminar, or colloquium:

These will feature multiple presenter discussions on a single topic, usually involving a coordinator, a discussant, and several presenters. Formats are flexible, and the duration can be 2 hours or a half day. Please apply by submitting

- a one-pager programme/schedule;
- a description of what will be covered in a paragraph not exceeding 300 words, and
- abstracts for each presenter of no longer than 250 words.

Submission of abstracts will open on **Thursday 29 February and close on Thursday 29 March**.

To submit your abstract click here.

Enquiries: info@saalt.org.za

Take note: For the SAALT24 conference we are using *Oxford Abstracts* as submission platform. Use the following link to access this platform: **https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/43400/submitter**