

Call for Papers- Workshopping Words and Opening Dialogues: Postgraduate Forum in Linguistics

Date: Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th of July 2018

Location: University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton.

We invite papers from Ph.D. candidates to present at a themed conference entitled 'Workshopping Words and Opening Dialogues: Postgraduate Forum in Linguistics'. We are seeking abstracts related to the themes of Corpus Linguistics and/or Public Facing Linguistics.

This is a two-day conference and workshopping event funded by the CHASE Training and Development Fund. Each day will centre on a plenary talk and workshop designed by experts to equip PhD students with cutting edge skills. Day one will feature both a key-note talk entitled 'Linguistics for everybody: Communicating with the public about language' and a practical workshop by Professor M. Lynne Murphy (University of Sussex), A.K.A 'Lynnequist', author of the hugely popular blog, 'Separated by a Common Language' (www.separatedbyacommonlanguage.blogspot.co.uk). On day two, Professor Bas Aarts (UCL), director of the Survey of English Usage, will deliver a plenary talk and a workshop on corpus methodology using the cutting-edge tools developed for the ICE GB corpus (see www.ucl.ac.uk/english-usage/projects/ice.htm).

With public engagement becoming increasingly important as a required practice of academic researchers, this event will provide a space for ideas and experiences to be shared by early career linguists with a diverse range of interests and specialisms. Early Career Researchers, often lack opportunities for training in public engagement and can find it challenging to satisfy the 'impact' criteria of the Research Excellence Framework (REF). We welcome papers on public dissemination of linguistic research of any kind.

In our current post truth climate, it is increasingly desirable that humanities research is grounded in empirical evidence. Corpus methodology is becoming increasingly important in linguistic research. It is a core methodology that transcends the many disciplines encompassed by linguistics and connects otherwise disparate streams of research. However, specialised conferences can result in niche conversations regarding methodological, theoretical, or analytical developments. This conference provides an opportunity to collectively consider approaches to corpus methods from various branches of linguistics. We welcome papers on linguistic research incorporating corpus work, corpus building, or methodological approaches.

Abstracts may be submitted on either or both topics and on research either completed or ongoing. If you would like to present, please send an abstract of 250 words to Sarah FitzGerald sf285@sussex.ac.uk. The deadline for abstract submissions is 13th of April 2018. Successful applicants will be contacted before the end of April 2018. For further details please see our website <https://workshoppingwords.wordpress.com/>.

Participation at this event is free of charge. There will be free liquid refreshments and a lunch provided on both days. On the evening of the first day of the conference (July 10th), there will be a conference dinner in Brighton which all participants are invited to attend. However, registration is essential and will open as soon as the programme is announced in early May. If you would like to be given priority when registration opens then you can put yourself on the waiting list (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshopping-words-and-opening-dialogues-postgraduate-forum-in-linguistics-tickets-430968257660>), this will give you 24 hours advanced notice of ticket releases.