

Subject: TaLC 12: First Circular and Call for Papers

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that Justus Liebig University Giessen in Germany will be hosting the 12th biannual Teaching and Language Corpora (TaLC) Conference to be held 20 July to 23 July 2016. The TaLC conferences offer an important platform for researchers, teachers, practitioners and software developers to share their ideas on how corpus resources and tools for analysis can be useful in/for language teaching. They aim to promote classroom applications of language corpora, data-driven learning, as well as the creation of corpus-informed teaching materials and other resources, and foster discussion between practitioners and theorists from all over the world.

We cordially invite you to attend this conference and submit your abstracts for presentations, posters, software demonstrations and pre-conference workshops. You will find further details about the conference in the *Call for Papers* below and on our homepage: <https://www.uni-giessen.de/talc>. The deadline for abstract submission is 15 January 2016.

If you have any questions about submitting abstracts or the conference in general, please do not hesitate to contact us at talc2016@uni-giessen.de.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts and welcoming you to TaLC 12!

Best regards,
Sandra Götz and Joybrato Mukherjee

First Circular and Call for Papers: 12th TaLC Conference in Giessen, Germany, from 20-23 July 2016

Academic Programme

The programme will consist of full papers, pre-conference workshops, poster sessions, software demonstrations, as well as invited plenary talks. The programme starts with pre-conference workshops on Wednesday 20 July; the main conference will start on Thursday morning and finish on Saturday after lunch. The following speakers have agreed to give plenaries at the conference: Marcus Callies (University of Bremen), Gaëtanelle Gilquin (Université catholique de Louvain), Barbara Lewandowska-Tomaszczyk (University of Lodz), Anke Lüdeling (Humboldt University Berlin) and Tony McEnery (Lancaster University).

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at Justus Liebig University's main building (Ludwigstrasse 23, 35390 Giessen).

Accommodation

We have made block reservations at the 4-star hotel **Hotel Steinsgarten**, which is within walking distance of the conference venue. Participants are requested to make their own reservations. Special prices are available for conference participants; please mention “TaLC 2016” when contacting the hotel (preferably via e-mail to info@hotel-steinsgarten.de). We have also provided a list of alternative budget accommodations close to the conference venue on this website.

Social Programme

On Wednesday evening, there will be a *Conference Warming* at the historic restaurant *Alt Giessen Gasthausbrauerei*. You will have a choice of activities for Thursday evening, including a visit to Giessen’s main shopping street and a walk through the forest to a local monastery. On Friday evening, we will enjoy panoramic views of Giessen and the surrounding rolling hills of central Hesse during the conference dinner at *Dach Cafe*.

Abstract Submission

Paper presentations will consist of a 20-minute talk followed by 10 minutes for questions and discussion. Papers reporting on empirical research should represent either completed work, or work in progress where some results can be reported. Presentations that take the form of a software demonstration are also welcome.

Topics that are within the scope of TaLC include, but are not necessarily limited to, corpus-based approaches to language learning, teaching and assessment in the following areas:

- teaching first and second languages (including data-driven learning materials and student-centred linguistic investigation)
- teaching languages for specific purposes
- teaching interpreting and translation
- teaching culture and history
- teaching literature
- teaching intercultural communication
- developing pedagogic grammars and learner dictionaries
- developing corpora/tools/resources
- teacher education
- research on second language acquisition and learner corpus research
- teaching of corpus methods to students and researchers in linguistics

We request abstracts of 500 words (not counting the reference list) for paper presentations. Submissions for poster presentations may be shorter (300-500 words not counting references). Generally, we suggest submitting an abstract for a poster rather than a paper presentation for (a) reports on research in its very early phases with no intermediate or final results to report or (b) reports on new corpus data resources.

Abstracts should be submitted through our online submission system:

<http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/TaLC2016>

The deadline for abstract submission is 15 January 2016.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by 15 February 2016, along with the second circular. Registration opens on 15 February 2016 and closes on 15 June 2016. The conference fee will be approximately 100 Euros. There will be student as well as early-bird discounts.

There will also be pre-conference workshops on 20 July. If you are interested in organising one of the workshops, please contact the organisers with a brief proposal and proposed timeline (morning, afternoon or all-day workshop). Once the conference website indicates that the maximum number of workshops has been reached, no further proposals can be accommodated.

We hope to see you in Giessen in July 2016!

The local organising committee consists of:



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