

# Lancaster University



## Lancaster Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics and Language Teaching

2023

## Introduction

Thank you for joining us for the Lancaster Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics and Language Teaching 2023. We are excited to meet you all and hear some fascinating talks!

This pack will provide you with directions, the programme for the day and some information about the Lancaster town in case you are staying the night.

## Directions

Our conference will be taking place at the **Lancaster Conference Centre**, which you can find here:

<https://link.mazemap.com/TvZnMLoa>

## Arriving By Car:

Visitor car parking is available on campus 24/7 and is free after 6pm and at weekends.

If you're visiting campus during the day, then parking charges apply. A ticket can be purchased from any pay and display machines across campus at the cost of £2 for two hours or £5 for up to 10 hours.

## Arriving By Train/Bus:

You can catch the 4/4X bus to campus from the train station stop. You can also catch one of the frequent 1/1A or 100 buses from a bus stop in town to campus. We recommend you check out the [Stagecoach website](#) for help finding bus timetables.

For more information about getting to campus by plane, train, car, bus or bike, please see [Lancaster University's 'How to find us' page](#).

# Conference Programme

9:00 – 9:30      Registration

Please arrive promptly at 9:00 for registration.

9:30 – 9:50      Welcome with Jonathen Culpepper

9:55 – 10:55      Presentation Block

Swati Nair : Domestic violence in Indian newspapers: A corpus assisted discourse analysis

Swati Nair is a Masters student of Linguistics at the University of Manchester, with a background in English Studies.

Her presentation focuses on domestic violence reporting in Indian English-language newspapers, using a corpus-assisted discourse analysis to understand public representations of victims and perpetrators in these incidents.

Ran Yi : We are One but We are Many: Linguistic Equity Through Discourse Markers in Multicultural Australian Courts

10:55 – 11:05      Break

11:05 – 12:05      Presentation Block

Robert Davies and Michaela Wolf : “Worse Than the Men!”: A Linguistic Analysis of Misogynistic Tweets Based on Match Results

Michaela Wolf and Robert Davies are Forensic Linguistics MA students at Aston University in Birmingham.

This research project uses conversational maxims (Grice, 1975) and elements of Speech Act Theory (Austin, 1962; Searle, 1971) to compare and contrast the

nature of misogynistic Tweets directed towards women's football from both before and after Aston Villa F.C.'s #BeTheInspiration inclusion campaign.

**Emily Gorman : Deriving a measure of lateral darkness: An EMA study of /l/ variation in British English**

Emily is a final year PhD student at Lancaster University, studying phonetics.

She uses articulatory data, collected using electromagnetic articulography, to test theoretical questions within an articulatory phonology framework.

12:05 – 12:15    Break

12:15 – 13:15    Plenary with Claire Nance

Claire Nance is a Senior Lecturer in Phonetics and Phonology at Lancaster University.

She did her BA at University of Cambridge and her PhD at University of Glasgow before moving to Lancaster. Her work considers sociophonetic variation, bilingualism, and articulatory phonetics mainly in Scottish Gaelic. She has also worked on English in the north-west of England.

13:15 – 14:15    Lunch Break

14:15 – 15:15    Presentation Block

**Sichen Liu : “There are Champions Among Us”-A Multimodal Discourse Analysis of a Pandemic Awareness Poster**

Sichen Liu is a Master student in Applied Linguistics and TESOL at the Department of Linguistics and English Language, Lancaster University.

Drawing on the visual grammar framework by Kress and van Leeuwen (2006), this presentation explores how the Champion commercial corporation participated in the Covid-19 campaign by using a poster to raise public awareness about the pandemic and help viewers increase support for medical staff.

Sayuri Kusama : Legitimising multi-nation 'arms production': A discourse-historical analysis of news media discourse

Sayuri Kusama is a MA student at Lancaster University.

This discourse-historical analysis shows that a Reuters article serves to construct the social reality of arms production, in terms favourable for governments and manufacturing companies, while simultaneously obscuring the destructive aspects of armaments, excluding disempowered people, and downplaying potential casualties.

15:15 – 15:25    Break

15:25 – 16:55    Presentation Block

Fae Hicks : A Parametric Study of Classical and Late Latin.

Fae Hicks is an MRes student at the University of York focusing on historical linguistics.

This presentation will discuss how the Parametric Comparison Method may be used to analyse ancient languages from written data only. It will go onto detail the parametric make up of Latin from Classical to Late period.

Lily Calloway : Designing a methodology for the analysis of short-form messages in encouraged suicide cases

Juan Manuel Guevara Olguin : Breaking Language Barriers in Education: Overcoming Linguistic Obstacles in Education for International Students

Juan Guevara is an esteemed academic affiliated with the University of Playa Ancha in Chile.

This study explores the effectiveness of a multilingual dictionary in improving the English language performance of Latin American international students studying in Chile.

16:55 – 17:05    Break

### 17:05 – 18:05 Plenary with Luke Harding

Luke Harding is Professor of Applied Linguistics in the Department of Linguistics and English Language at Lancaster University.

His research interests are in language assessment and applied linguistics more broadly, particularly listening and speaking assessment, language assessment literacy, and World Englishes and English as a Lingua Franca.

### 18:05 – 18:10 Closing Comments

## Lancaster Locations

### To Explore

Lancaster is a really beautiful city, we personally have a few recommendations if you are staying and want to explore:

- You could spend some time walking down the canal, close to the city centre. If you are in the mood for a longer walk, you can even keep going until you reach the aqueduct, or Crook 'O Lune. Both stunning spots.
- Visit the breathtaking view from Williamson Park, the monument upon the hill which you can see from almost anywhere in Lancaster, and host of the annual Highest Point Festival.
- Explore Lancaster Castle! Entry to the courtyard is free, and is open from 9:30am – 5:00pm. The castle is known for its many trials, including those of the infamous local Pendle witches in 1612!

### To Eat and Drink

Regardless of whether you are staying on campus or in town for the evening, there are some wonderful local places to visit

- Enjoy eating with a lovely view beside the canal, which **the Water Witch** is located right next to, and serves food 12am – 9pm Monday – Saturday. Alternatively, **the White Cross** is also located by the canal and serves delicious food until 9pm.
- For Italian cuisine, you could go to the local **Bella Italia** restaurant, or the **Zizzi**.
- If you instead in need of a quick takeaway meal, we can recommend **Wok Express**, which offers incredibly tasty Chinese food.
- For evening drinks, the **Stonewell Taphouse** or the **Three Mariners** are great places to go.

