

CALL FOR PAPERS

Association for Linguistic Typology 9th Biennial Meeting (ALT9)

Typology beyond the West: Diversity in East Asian and other non-Indo-European languages

University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China

July 21 – July 24, 2011 (Thursday – Sunday)

Abstracts on any topic in typology are invited for 20-minute papers, posters, and a limited number of workshops. Non-members of ALT may submit abstracts but will be expected to join ALT in order to present a paper at the meeting.

Deadline for receipt of abstracts: September 15, 2010

Notification of acceptance: November 15, 2010

The conference aims to present a maximum of three parallel sessions, four workshops, and 2 poster sessions. Papers are anonymously reviewed; in line with previous meetings, the committee will strive to ensure that selection is rigorous but that acceptance-rate is not too low.

How to submit an abstract

Send your abstract as an email attachment to: alt9hku@gmail.com

Subject header: (your last name) alt9 abstract

(If you have a common last name, please include an initial)

Include these things in the body of the email:

- Author's name(s)
- Abstract title
- In case of workshop submission: workshop title, authors and titles of all papers
- Contact information: email, phone, fax

Note: One individual may be involved in a maximum of two papers (maximum of one as sole author). A workshop presentation by one person counts as a single-author paper.

Abstract specifications:

Maximum length: 500 words or 1 single-spaced page

Abstracts and papers should be in English.

Put this information at the top of your abstract:

- Title
- Category: oral; poster; either oral or poster
- Format: If at all possible, please send your abstract as a pdf.
- Name: Give your pdf a filename similar to the subject header.

Anonymity: Abstracts must be anonymous. Do not put your name or other identifying information on the abstract. Also, please anonymize your pdf by removing identifying information. Usually this can be done using the following two pull-down menus:

File > document properties > description (remove name of author)

View > comments (though an abstract is unlikely to have comments, check this and remove any comments, as they will show your username)

View > review tracker (ditto)

If it's your own copy of the software, you might also check:

Acrobat > preferences > identity (to keep your identity off the pdf leave all fields blank).

Categories of submission

Individual oral presentations (single or multiple author): 20 minutes + 10 minutes for discussion

Posters: One or more poster sessions will be organized, depending on demand.

Oral or poster: This means you prefer an oral presentation but can also do a poster. If there are more good abstracts than we can accommodate, the Program Committee will schedule some as posters. If you choose either category "poster" or "oral or poster", you will increase your chances of acceptance.

Workshops

Three workshops are being planned for ALT9. We invite interested contributors to submit their paper for consideration:

- (1) **Tone languages in East and Southeast Asia:** the aim of this workshop is to present new findings in the empirical and theoretical study of tone systems in Asian languages. Coordinator: Picus Ding
- (2) **Typology/ ontogeny:** co-organized by Childhood Bilingualism Research Centre at Chinese University of Hong Kong. Coordinator: Stephen Matthews
- (3) **Typology of analytic languages:** the purpose of this workshop is to investigate the ontological status of analytic (or isolating) grammars from a comparative perspective. Coordinator: Umberto Ansaldo

Each abstract will be reviewed in the same way as non-workshop individual papers, and will be individually accepted or not. The whole workshop abstract will also be competitively reviewed. If all individual abstracts and the workshop abstract are accepted, the workshop will be scheduled as a workshop. If not, the accepted papers will be scheduled as regular individual presentations (and may be scheduled together, as we will aim for thematic unity of conference sessions where possible). In the case of a close call (e.g. a workshop with all but one presentation accepted; all presentations accepted but workshop proposal not accepted; etc.) the Program Committee will try to resolve things in as member-friendly a way as possible.

Other events (details to follow in the 2nd circular)

- The conference will be held back-to back with the 16th International Conference on Lexical-Functional Grammar, also to be held at The University of Hong Kong, July 16-19.
- Preceding the ALT9 there will be a 1-day workshop on Languages of China.

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