



AMPRA

INTERNATIONAL Symposium

November 12-13, 2021

Universidad de Belgrano, Buenos Aires - Argentina

Call for Papers

We are pleased to announce the Call for Papers for the International Symposium of the American Pragmatics Association (AMPRA), to be held **November 12-13, 2021 online at the Universidad de Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina**. The primary goal of this symposium is to promote both theoretical and applied research in pragmatics in Central and South America, and to bring together scholars who are interested in different subfields of pragmatics. The four main topical strands of the symposium are:

- (i) **Pragmatic theories:** neo-Gricean approaches, relevance theory, theory of mind, meaning, role of context, common ground, semantics-pragmatics interface, explicature, implicature, speech act theory, presuppositions, grammaticalization, im/politeness, etc.
- (ii) **Experimental pragmatics:** models of language and meaning, experimental techniques, scalar implicatures, reference resolution, interpretation of figurative language, etc.
- (iii) **Intercultural, cross-cultural and societal aspects of pragmatics:** research involving more than one language and culture, or varieties of one language, intercultural pragmatics, interlanguage pragmatics, variational pragmatics, social pragmatics, lingua franca, computer-mediated communication (CMC), bilinguals' and heritage speakers' language use, intercultural misunderstandings, effect of dual language and multilingual systems on the development and use of pragmatic skills, language of aggression and conflict, etc.
- (iv) **Applications:** usage and corpus-based approaches, pragmatic competence, teachability and learnability of pragmatic skills, pragmatic variations within one language and across languages, developmental pragmatics, cyber pragmatics, etc.

The languages of the symposium are English and Spanish. We encourage researchers especially from Central and South America to submit their abstracts. Scholars from other parts of the world are also welcome to submit, if their research is focused on social groups and /or uses data collected in Latin America. We are looking for two types of abstracts. Abstracts for shorter 15-minute presentations that summarize ongoing research projects, or abstract for 25-minute presentations that focuses on completed research projects. In both cases, abstracts should present a strictly pragmatic theoretical and methodological approach.

Confirmed Keynote Speakers

Isolda Carranza from the Universidad de Córdoba, Argentina

María Elena Placencia from the University of London, England

Abstract Submission

Abstracts must be 150-200 words max. in length (depending on type of presentation, including title, excluding references). Submissions are limited to one individual or one joint presentation. Abstracts must be submitted through **EasyAbstracts** (<http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/ampra2021>). The system opens on August 1, 2021.

When submitting your abstract, please specify your preference of format as well as the strand (i, ii, iii, iv) you would preferably like to be considered for.

Presentation Formats

1. Full Presentations:

Papers submitted for this format must be research papers that present the results of a research project. Accepted papers will get 30 minutes for presentation, including discussion time.

2. Short Presentations:

Papers submitted for this format must be statement papers, work-in progress papers or opinion papers. Accepted papers will get 20 minutes for presentation, including discussion time.

Abstract submission dates for all formats

Deadline: September 20, 2021

Notification of Acceptance: October 1, 2021

Because of the nature of the symposium, the number of presentations will be limited. Those whose abstracts are accepted are encouraged to submit their papers or slide presentations in advance (by November 1) to the conference chair at the email below.

Symposium fee

There is no registration fee. AMPRA pays for the expenses connected with the symposium. If someone's abstract is accepted s/he will get a participation link for both days. However, registration is mandatory (information about the process will be announced later.)

The Organizing Committee is planning to publish two volumes of selected papers with prestigious publishers: one volume in English and the other one in Spanish.

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