

CALL FOR PAPERS
**Third International Postgraduate Conference on Language
and Cognition (ELC3)**

21-22 September 2012

MEETING DESCRIPTION

We are pleased to announce the Third International Postgraduate Conference on Language and Cognition (ELC3), to be held at the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain) on 21-22 September 2012.

ELC3 aims to provide postgraduate students with an opportunity to present and discuss their research in an informal and intellectually stimulating setting. We welcome proposals for papers characterized by an empirical, cognitive-functional outlook on the study of language and communication; they may cover fields as diverse as grammar and morphosyntax, language change and historical linguistics, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, speech and language disorders, discourse analysis and pragmatics, lexicology and semantics, contrastive and corpus linguistics, and linguistics applied to the teaching and acquisition of first and second languages.

The conference is organised by postgraduate students from the English Departments at the Universities of Santiago de Compostela and Vigo and the Department of Social and Experimental Psychology at Santiago de Compostela. It is supported by the **English Linguistics Circle** (<http://www.elc.org.es>), a research network involving the following research teams:

- 1) **Variation, Linguistic Change and Grammaticalization** (VLCG; University of Santiago de Compostela). Director: Teresa Fanego.
<http://www.usc-vcg.es>
- 2) **Spoken English Research Team at the University of Santiago de Compostela** (SPERTUS; University of Santiago de Compostela). Director: Ignacio Palacios.
<http://www.spertus.es>
- 3) **Cognitive Processes and Behaviour** (PCC, Faculty of Psychology, University of Santiago de Compostela). Director: Isabel Fraga.
<http://www.usc.es/pcc>
- 4) **Language Variation and Textual Categorisation** (LVTG; University of Vigo). Director: Javier Pérez-Guerra.
<http://webs.uvigo.es/lvtc>

- 5) **Methods and Materials for the Teaching and Acquisition of Foreign Languages** (MMTAFL, Faculty of Philology and Translation, University of Vigo). Director: Rosa Alonso.

Previous conferences in the series:

ELC1 (University of Santiago de Compostela, 10-11 May 2008)

ELC2 (University of Vigo, 30-31 October 2009)

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University of the Basque Country

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Autonomous University of Madrid

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Postgraduate students are invited to submit abstracts for oral presentations on the fields of research indicated in the opening paragraphs of this CfPs. Papers are to be 20 minutes in length plus 10 minutes for discussion. The conference language is English.

For current purposes, postgraduate students include: a) students that have not completed their PhD before the conference; b) postdocs that have completed their PhD not earlier than January 2011.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts should be anonymous and not exceed 500 words, exclusive of bibliographical references. They should be submitted via e-mail (as a PDF file) to the address elc.conference@usc.es

Abstracts should include:

1. The title of the paper.
2. A list of 5-10 keywords.

3. The research questions, approach, methodology, data and (expected) results.
4. A brief list of bibliographical references.

The e-mail message accompanying the abstract should contain the following information:

1. The name(s) of the author(s) and their affiliation(s).
2. The author's e-mail address and contact details.
3. Audiovisual equipment required.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Abstracts must be received by 15 March 2012.

Abstracts will be reviewed anonymously by the programme committee; the authors will be notified of acceptance by 30 April 2012 (by e-mail).

Please send your abstracts to: elc.conference@usc.es

PROCEEDINGS

Authors of papers accepted for presentation will be invited to submit their paper for publication (length to be determined) in the volume of conference proceedings. Papers will be subjected to refereeing.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register for the conference please download the registration form from the conference website:

<http://elc3.elc-postgraduateconference.es/>

The fee includes the conference pack, coffee, tea and refreshments during the conference days, and a walking tour of the Old Town.

The registration fees are as follows:

40 € fee for early registration by 30 June 2012.

60 € fee for registration after 30 June 2012.

30 € reduced fee for students not presenting a paper who wish to receive a certificate of attendance.

The registration fee can be paid in one of the following ways:

1) By bank transfer, which is the recommended method; further information on the bank account number will be available soon. Registration will only be considered valid once the Organising Committee **has received a copy of the bank transfer receipt** and the **registration form** duly filled in, either attached to an e-mail message or by snail mail. In the case of multi-authored submissions, **every author attending the conference must pay the appropriate registration fee.**

2) By cash upon arrival, although this alternative is not recommended. We regret that payment by credit card cannot be accepted.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will be held at the Faculty of Philology of the University of Santiago de Compostela in the North Campus. The campus is located within walking distance from the city centre. Santiago de Compostela is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1985, and the University of Santiago de Compostela, established in 1495, is one of the leading academic institutions in Europe.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For general enquiries send an e-mail message to: elc.conference@usc.es

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