

2nd Call for Papers

Corpora and Discourse International Conference

Lancaster University, UK – 22nd to 24th June 2018

Corpus-Assisted Discourse Studies (CADS) investigates the employment of corpus techniques to examine how language is used in social contexts for communicative purposes. Corpus linguistics is a powerful methodology – a way of using computers to assist the analysis of language so that regularities among many millions of words can be quickly and accurately identified. We take discourse to broadly mean “language in use” (Brown and Yule 1983), although some conceptualisations of discourse which are also relevant for this conference are:

- semiotic resources used by people to carry out practices that shape their professional, institutional and social worlds
- specific genres or registers of language use
- ways of looking at the world, of constructing objects and concepts in certain ways, of representing reality in other words, with attendant consequences for power relations

We welcome proposals on the corpus-assisted discourse analysis of, for instance:

- discourse organisation
- political, institutional and media texts, including social media
- social science and social policy issues
- cultural and cross-cultural topics
- discourse implications in translation studies
- discourse effects in literary texts

and, indeed, of any study of discourse where the three corpus linguistics virtues of Collecting, Counting and Collating are deemed to have enabled, enhanced and even perhaps complicated the data analysis. Comparative studies of different discourse types or different periods of time are also highly relevant.

We also welcome papers which include reflective considerations on methodological and philosophical issues pertaining to CADS. These might include:

- What are the overall objectives of CADS research(ers); has its focus altered over the years and is it likely to alter in the future?
- What counts as best practice and are there any practices best avoided?

- What issues exist around data collection and analysis (ethics, copyright) and how can they be approached?
- To what extent should researcher's political views drive CADS research?
- What counts as evidence and how much evidence do we need to support the claims we make and evaluate those made by others?
- What counts as an 'explanation' and how do we evaluate co-existing or competing explanations?
- Corpus analysis is only one aspect of CADS. What tend to be other useful sources of information, and how are they best integrated into the research project?
- How can CADS incorporate multimodal analyses (e.g. spoken and visual data) into its research program?
- How can CADS research make a meaningful impact on the real world?
- what are the repercussions of CADS on theories of language (which may include theories of discourse structure and function, sociolinguistics, stylistics and so on)?
- How can new tools and techniques of analysis improve current CADS research?

Plenary speakers

We are delighted to announce that the following speakers have accepted our invitation to give plenary lectures at CAD 2018:

- [Charlotte Taylor](#) (University of Sussex) and [Anna Marchi](#) (University of Bologna)
- [Amanda Potts](#) (Cardiff University)
- [Nuria Lorenzo-Dus](#) and [Matteo Di Cristofaro](#) (Swansea University)

Call for Papers and Posters

We invite submission of abstracts for papers and posters on any topic relevant to the conference themes.

Please note: paper submissions should present either complete research, or research in progress where at least some substantial results have been achieved. Work in progress which has yet to produce results can instead be submitted as a poster abstract. We welcome poster abstracts that report on innovative research that is in an early phase.

- For **paper presentations**, we are requesting one-page abstracts (500-750 words).
- Submissions for **poster presentations** should be shorter (300-500 words).
- Paper presentations will consist of a 20 minute talk followed by 10 minutes for questions and discussion.

- Abstracts should include a title, name and institution of speaker(s) as well as 3-5 keywords. They should be submitted as formatted files, using the conference stylesheet, which can be downloaded from the [conference website](#).

All abstracts will be peer-reviewed by the conference programme committee. We especially encourage abstract submissions from early-career researchers, including postgraduate research students and postdoctoral researchers.

Abstracts must be submitted via the [conference website](#).

Key dates

Paper/poster presentations:

- **Deadline for abstract submission: 15th January 2018**
- Notification of acceptance / non acceptance of submission: 1st March 2018
- Preliminary programme published: 15th March 2018

Registration:

- **Earlybird registration opens: 1st March 2018**
- End of earlybird registration (rates rise): 10th May 2018
- End of main registration (late registration not guaranteed): 5th June 2018
- Final deadline for cancellation with refund of registration fees: 5th June 2018

General information

For information on registration, accommodation, travel etc., see the conference website: <http://ucrel.lancs.ac.uk/cad2018>

The conference is hosted by the ESRC Corpus Approaches to Social Sciences (CASS - <http://cass.lancs.ac.uk/>).

Local organising committee:

Paul Baker (chair)
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