

Call for Papers

New Directions in English Language Assessment is the British Council's flagship language testing and assessment conference. The conference provides perspectives and insight on trends and approaches in English language assessment at a local, regional, and international level. Since being established in 2013, the conference has celebrated nine editions, with the latest held online in 2021.

Theme for 2022

Bridging divides: Towards a comprehensive approach to language teaching, learning and assessment

Strands

Standards and frameworks: Integrating teaching, learning and assessment

At the core of the comprehensive learning system (CLS) lies the relationship and overlap between teaching, learning and assessment. This strand considers the role of standards and frameworks to connect these elements of the CLS and investigates how education systems can leverage and adapt the frameworks to suit their own socio-cultural and educational contexts.

We invite presentations on the connection between testing and other components of the learning system and we welcome papers looking at the implementation and/or classroom use of standards and frameworks.

Integrating communication: Reimagining assessment

The focus on the four skills has led to a narrowing of the construct to those skills that are most easily taught and assessed. We urgently need to refocus our work in teaching,

learning and assessment (TLA) to focus on the use of language. This offers considerable challenges to assessment in national educational systems. In this theme we explore solutions around the conceptualisation of truly integrated tasks in TLA.

Proposals focusing on innovative and alternative ways of testing as well as the use of integrated tasks in language assessment are invited for this strand.

A collaborative future: Humans and technology

The frequently future-focused topic of technology in language assessment pauses on the threshold of human-machine interaction and, in this strand, we look at how tests and the systems that support testing are leveraging the strengths of both humans and AI.

We are particularly interested in papers that present hybrid human-machine approaches to challenges around assessment and teaching, whether at the test-development stage or in the classroom and broader education system.

For a more detailed description of the conference and themes, please see

<https://www.britishcouncilfoundation.id/en/new-directions-2022/about/2022-conference-themes>

Dates

The in-person conference will be held on December 9-10, 2022

Conference Format

New Directions East Asia 2022 is planned as a wholly face-to-face conference to be hosted in Bali, Indonesia, and will feature different themes with plenary talks or discussions on each of the topics. The talks

will be recorded and shared online a few weeks **after** the event (but not live-streamed during the event).

Presenters who wish to be part of the main conference on 9-10 December 2022 will be required to present in person in Bali, Indonesia, in parallel break-out sessions organised at the venue.

Submission option for in-person or online presentations

In recognition that some may not have the option of travelling to the conference and in the interests of providing access to a professional forum in which to present their work, we are also offering researchers and academics the option to submit proposals for short (15 minutes) video presentations. These will also be shared online a few weeks **after** the event (but not available during the main conference).

We also accept proposals from presenters who would also like to be considered to present in-person in Bali and also to record 15 minutes video version of their presentation. Proposals for both formats will be evaluated independently of whether the submission is made for a, b, or c, below.

IMPORTANT: Please indicate clearly on the submission form whether you are submitting a proposal for:

- a) In-person presentation at the conference only
- b) Short video presentation to be shared online a few weeks after the conference only
- c) Both of the above

Please **do not** submit videos until after the review process once you have received an invitation to do so from the conference

organisers. Note that recording of papers will be the responsibility of the presenter, and only videos that meet the technical and time specifications will be used.

Key Dates

Call for Papers opens: **June 15th**

Submission deadline: **July 31st**

Notification of acceptance: **August 31st**

Speaker confirmation deadline: **September 16th**

Guidelines for Submission

Submit a presentation proposal here: <https://conference-service.com/NDEA2022/welcome.html>

If you have not used the conference service platform in the past you will need create an account following the instructions on the homepage.

After you have created an account and logged in, go to “Your Submissions/s” under “Abstracts & Papers” in the left-hand menu bar. In the “Your Submission/s” page click on “New Submission”. This will take you to the “New Submission” form. Follow the instructions to submit your paper.

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