

CALL FOR PAPERS
(First Call)

**Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language in the New Normal
Cross-Disciplinary Theory and Practice**
新常态视角下国际中文教育的跨学科理论与实践

The 20th International Conference on Teaching
and Learning Chinese in Higher Education

* The 2023 Annual International Conference
of the British Chinese Language Teaching Society
* The 6th Conference on Chinese Teaching in Scotland

29th June-1st July 2023

Organised by the British Chinese Language Teaching Society
Hosted and Co-organised by
Confucius Institute for Scotland, the University of Edinburgh, UK

The British Chinese Language Teaching Society (BCLTS) and Confucius Institute for Scotland at the University of Edinburgh are pleased to announce the 20th International Conference of BCLTS, *Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language in the New Normal: Cross-Disciplinary Theory and Practice*. This will take place at the University of Edinburgh on the 29th of June – 1st July 2023.

The BCLTS is a UK registered charity for Chinese language teachers and researchers from UK universities and beyond. The University of Edinburgh is a public research university located in Edinburgh, Scotland. Founded in 1582, it is one of the four oldest universities in Scotland. Edinburgh is a member of several associations of research universities, including the Coimbra Group, League of European Research Universities, and Russell Group, etc. As of January 2023, the University of Edinburgh has 19 Nobel Prize winners, four Pulitzer Prize winners, three Turing Award winners, and an Abel Prize laureate and Fields Medallist. The University was ranked 15th in the 2023 QS World University Rankings. The Confucius Institute for Scotland at the University is a cultural institution established in 2006 by the Chinese-Foreign Language Exchange and Cooperation Centre. The Confucius Institute for Scotland has been providing a wide range of Chinese training courses to promote cooperation between Scotland and China in the fields of language, education, culture and economy, and to help develop Sino-Scotland economic, trade, cultural and academic ties.

We invite submission of abstracts for conference oral presentation (25 minutes), workshops and/or panel discussions (60-minutes) and posters (see examples here). Every abstract submitted will be peer reviewed and a selection of papers will be published in the Conference Proceeding. The working languages for this conference are English and Chinese.

The theme for this conference is *cross-disciplinary theory and practice* and we particularly welcome submissions in the following areas:

1. Teaching Chinese in a multilingual, multicultural context
2. Applied linguistics and science of language learning
3. Design and development of teaching and learning materials
4. Technology-enhanced language learning
5. Standards and benchmarks for assessing Chinese learning
6. Second language acquisition
7. Corpus linguistics
8. National language policies
9. Teacher education and development
10. Translation and literature
11. Teaching Chinese for specific purposes

Keynote speakers

1. Dr. Thomas BAK, the University of Edinburgh, UK
Learning Chinese in the 21st Century: a Cognitive Neuroscientist's Perspective
二十一世纪的汉语学习：认知神经科学家视角
2. Professor LIU Shijuan, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, USA
Future of Chinese language teacher in the SMART Technology Era
智能化时代下中文教师的前景
3. Dr. LU Yang, University of Nottingham, UK
Looking Forward: Formative Assessment and Its Importance to Learning and Teaching of L2 Chinese
展望前景：进程评估对汉语教学与学习的重要性
4. Professor WANG Lijun, Beijing Normal University, China
Teaching Strategies of Chinese Characters to Foreigners Based on the Character Attribute Database

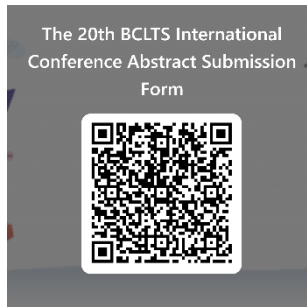
5. Professor George Xinsheng ZHANG, Richmond American University London, UK
The Chinese Proficiency Grading Standard for International Chinese Education and Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language in the UK
 《国际中文教育中文水平等级标准》与英国汉语外语教学

Important dates

- 1st April 2023: Deadline for abstract submission
- 30th April 2023: Notification of abstract acceptance
- 5th May 2023: Early-bird registration closes
- 1st June 2023: Conference registration closes
- 29th June – 1st July 2023: Conference
- 30th September 2023: Conference full paper submission closes
- May 2024: Planned Conference proceedings completion

Abstract submission

You can submit your abstract online via [this link](#) or scan the QR Code here.



Please make sure to include the following information.

- Full name and affiliation of the author(s)
- An abstract of approximately 260 words in English, or 400 characters in Chinese
- The corresponding author’s email address

Conference fees

	BCLTS members	Non-BCLTS members	Students
Early-Bird	Free	£ 120	£ 50
Normal	Free	£ 150	£ 80

Please note:

- Fees include refreshments for on-site participants
- All welcome for an optional Conference dinner (£35)
- Graduate students to supply student card identification at [registration](#)

For any further inquiries, please email Dr XU Shejiao (W.Xu1@westminster.ac.uk). If you wish to submit a full paper, please also email this to Dr XU. Visit the following websites ([BCLTS](#)) for the most up-to-date conference information.

The organising committee look forward to your participation. Please forward this call for papers to those who may be interested. Thank you very much!

The Committee of the British Chinese Language Teaching Society &
The Organising Committee of the 20th International Conference
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