



## CALL FOR PAPERS (First Call)

### **Innovation and Sustainable Development of International Chinese Education** 国际中文教育：创新与可持续发展

The 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on  
Teaching and Learning Chinese in Higher Education  
\* The 2025 Annual International Conference  
of the British Chinese Language Teaching Society

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Organised by the British Chinese Language Teaching Society  
Hosted and Co-organised by  
Confucius Institute, School of Global Affairs, Lancaster University, UK

The British Chinese Language Teaching Society (BCLTS) and Confucius Institute at Lancaster University are delighted to announce the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of BCLTS, *Innovation and Sustainable Development of International Chinese Education*. This event will take place at Lancaster University on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2025.

The BCLTS is a UK registered charity for Chinese language teachers and researchers from UK universities and beyond. Lancaster University, established in 1964, is a prestigious institution in the UK and has long been ranked among the top universities in the country. The School of Global Affairs of Lancaster University offers degree programs at the undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels, integrating arts, humanities, languages, and social sciences. Its research areas cover important topics such as artificial intelligence, environmental protection, healthcare, and emerging global security challenges. The Confucius Institute of Lancaster University was jointly established by Lancaster University and South China University of Technology in 2011. Since its inception, the institute has promoted cultural exchange between China and the UK through language teaching, cultural activities, academic research, educational cooperation, and community engagement. It has become an important platform for dialogue and interaction between Lancaster, the northwest of England, and China. For its outstanding contributions and impact, the Confucius

Institute of Lancaster University has received numerous accolades, including the award of "Confucius Institute of the Year" from Confucius Institute Headquarters and "Outstanding Contribution" from Lancaster University. LUCI previously co-organised the BCLTS Annual Conference in 2019, and we are pleased to welcome its return to Lancaster after six years. Lancaster is a historic city in the northwest of England and was the birthplace of the Lancaster dynasty. The city is famous for Lancaster Castle and its ancient market square. It is home to numerous historical buildings and museums, which witness the changes of the medieval period and the Industrial Revolution. With a blend of tradition and modernity, Lancaster is a charming destination for tourists.

We invite submission of abstracts for oral presentations, workshops and posters ([see examples here](#)). Submitted abstracts will be peer reviewed and a selection of papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings. The working languages for this conference are English and Chinese.

The theme for this conference is **Innovation and Sustainable Development of International Chinese Education**. 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 in the L2 Chinese context
11. Teaching Chinese for specific purposes

### **Keynote speakers**

Professor Patrick Rebuschat (Department of Linguistics and English Language, Lancaster University)

Professor WANG Hanwei (College of Chinese Language and Culture, Jinan University)

Professor WANG Jing (Department of East Asian Studies, Princeton University)

Professor ZHENG Yanqun (Research Institute of International Chinese Language Education, Beijing Language and Culture University)

Associate Professor ZHENG Ying (Department of Languages, Cultures & Linguistics, University of Southampton)

## Important dates

- 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025: Deadline for abstract submission
- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025: Notification of abstract acceptance
- 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025: Early-bird registration closes
- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025: Conference registration closes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025: Conference
- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Conference full paper submission closes

## Abstract submission

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



Please make sure to include the following information:

- Full name and affiliation of the author(s)
- An abstract, maximum of 260 English words or 400 Chinese characters
- 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 (£30)
- Graduate students to supply student card identification at registration

For any further inquiries, please email to [conference@bclts.org.uk](mailto:conference@bclts.org.uk). If you wish to submit a full paper, please email it to [conference@bclts.org.uk](mailto:conference@bclts.org.uk). Visit [the BCLTS website](#) for the most up-to-date conference information.

The organising committee looks 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 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference  
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