



## CALL FOR PAPERS (First Call)

### **Critical Perspectives on International Chinese Education: Synergising Language, Culture, and Technology in the Era of Digital Intelligence**

**数智时代的国际中文教育：探究语言、文化与科技的协同发展**

The 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on  
Teaching and Learning Chinese in Higher Education  
\* The 2024 Annual International Conference  
of the British Chinese Language Teaching Society

4<sup>th</sup> July-6<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Organised by the British Chinese Language Teaching Society  
Hosted and Co-organised by  
Confucius Institute, Newcastle University & Chinese Studies, School of Modern  
Languages, Newcastle University, UK

The British Chinese Language Teaching Society (BCLTS) and Confucius Institute at Newcastle University are delighted to announce the 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference of BCLTS, *Critical Perspectives on International Chinese Education: Synergising Language, Culture, and Technology in the Era of Digital Intelligence*. This event will take place at Newcastle University on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2024.

The BCLTS is a UK registered charity for Chinese language teachers and researchers from UK universities and beyond. Newcastle University is a founding member of the prestigious Russell Group and a member of the N8 University Alliance. In the 2024 QS World University Rankings, Newcastle University is ranked 110th, its Translation Studies Programme being one of the top three globally. The university not only excels in various disciplines but also provides a diverse range of academic programmes, committed to creating an international academic environment, offering

cutting-edge research and resources, and providing ample opportunities for academic and career development. Established in 2012, the Confucius Institute at Newcastle University is a partnership between Newcastle University and Xiamen University of China. The Institute delivers and promotes Chinese culture, by providing Chinese language education at different levels for local schools and community and fostering exchanges and collaboration between the people of China and the UK. Newcastle upon Tyne, the fifth-largest city in England, is known for its extensive history, vibrant communities, high-quality life, and relatively low cost of living. The city is acclaimed for its outstanding hospitality, and diverse cultural experiences, making it particularly welcoming for international students. With its rich cultural traditions, picturesque river views, and modern shopping and entertainment facilities, Newcastle offers a colourful array of experiences to residents and visitors.

We invite submission of abstracts for conference oral presentation (25 minutes), workshops and/or panel discussions (60-minutes) 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 Critical Perspectives on International Chinese Education 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**

Professor FENG Liping (Head of School of International Chinese Language Education, Beijing Normal University)

Professor Paul Seedhouse (School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences, Newcastle University)

Professor XUN Endong (Head of School of Information Science, Beijing Language and Culture University)

Professor ZHU Hua (Director of International Centre for Intercultural Studies, UCL Institute of Education)

Associate Professor ZHU Yongping (Chinese Language Program Coordinator, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Notre Dame)

### **Special lecture**

Dr Derek Hird (Head of Department of Languages and Cultures, Lancaster University)

### **Important dates**

- 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024: Deadline for abstract submission
- 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024: Notification of abstract acceptance
- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024: Early-bird registration closes
- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024: Conference registration closes
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Conference
- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024: Conference full paper submission closes
- Summer 2025: Conference Proceedings completion

### **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 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 Li Dan ( [conference@bclts.org.uk](mailto:conference@bclts.org.uk) ). If you wish to submit a full paper, please email it to Dr Li. Visit [the BCLTS website](#) 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 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference  
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