

CALL FOR PAPERS!

The 2025 ASFLA conference – SFL in Dialogue for a Dynamic Future

December 3, 4 and 5, 2025
University of South Australia
City West Campus

The 2025 ASFLA conference – *SFL in Dialogue for a Dynamic Future* – invites scholars, educators, and practitioners to explore the evolving role of Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL) in addressing the complex challenges of our rapidly changing world. At the heart of this conference theme is dialogue: dialogue across disciplines, cultures, modalities, and communities. Indeed, dialogue embodies the dynamic, negotiated nature of meaning-making and reflects SFL's commitment to understanding language as a social semiotic system shaped by context.

This conference provides a platform to reflect on SFL's rich theoretical foundations while envisioning new possibilities for SFL. In particular, the conference aims to:

- Foster cross-generational and cross-disciplinary conversations within the SFL community
- Showcase innovative research and applications of SFL in diverse settings
- Strengthen SFL's impact on social, educational, and technological landscapes
- Explore how SFL can remain responsive and relevant in a dynamic future

Ultimately, we welcome contributions that spark dialogue, challenge assumptions, and inspire new directions for systemic functional research and practice. Of course, in the tradition of ASFLA conferences (and especially ASFLA conferences in Adelaide!), the conference theme of dialogue will extend beyond conference presentations. We also see this conference as an opportunity for productive dialogue in less formal, more 'social' settings; growing and nourishing the SFL community.

Please join us from 3-5 December 2025 at the City West campus of the University of South Australia.

Presentation types:

Outside of plenaries and keynotes, ASFLA 2025 will have two types of presentations:

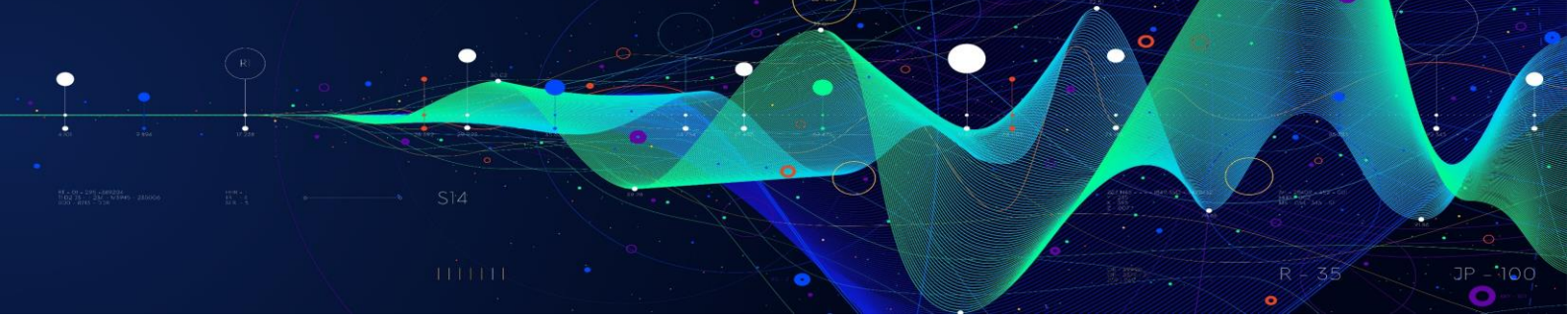
- Standard: 30 minutes in duration (25 + 5 minutes for questions)
- Symposium: 90 minutes in duration, comprising a minimum of x3 papers, on a specific theme (75 minutes + 15 minutes for questions)

Abstract submission instructions:

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words (inclusive of a *short* reference list [if applicable]). Abstracts should also include, in this order:

- Title of paper
- Full name of presenter
- Affiliation of presenter (if applicable)
- Type of presentation: standard or symposium
- PhD student seeking a scholarship (*if applicable; [see conference website for more details](#)).

Please upload your abstract as a Word document to the following email address: **Attention: Jean Mendrin**
EDC-Research@unisa.edu.au **The deadline for abstracts is Friday 27 June.**



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