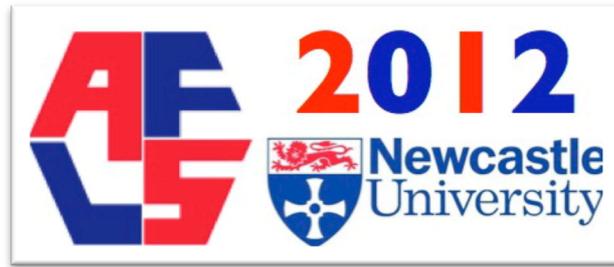


AFLS CONFERENCE 2012 | CALL  
FOR PAPERS

The annual conference of the Association for French Language Studies will be held at Newcastle University from **Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd**



**June 2012.** The conference acts as a forum to encourage and promote language teaching activities and research in French linguistics in Higher Education. The theme of this year's conference is « le français à travers le temps: acquisition, changement et variation ».

This conference, as the annual meeting of the AFLS, is open to the whole range of French language studies. This includes French linguistics and French language teaching in Higher Education. This year, we invite in particular papers which address change in representation or usage in connection with the French language. Change in representation can occur in the individual, in first and second language acquisition, whether in natural or classroom settings. Change in representation can equally occur in the language community: in diachrony as well as in connection to language variation across space, society, and style.

Papers and posters are invited on any aspect of French language studies, in particular first and second language acquisition, diachronic change, language structure, language variation and language teaching. Contributions may be in English or French and focus on any variety of French, or French-based pidgins and creoles, from any period in time.

We aim to gather an international community of French language researchers and thus get a sense of where the field as a whole is going. Contributions are welcome from both established and junior researchers, including postgraduate students.

Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words (excluding title and references) and should be submitted via the LinguistList EasyAbs portal by **Monday 9th January 2012.** We are only accepting electronic submissions in .doc, .odt and .pdf formats. Abstracts will also be anonymously reviewed, so author names and affiliation should not appear anywhere on abstracts. They must also be written in the language of delivery.

Oral presentations at AFLS 2012 will be 20-minute papers with 10 minutes for audience questions and discussion. Posters will be presented during dedicated

sessions, with each author being assigned an A0 size (841 x 1189mm) landscape space to display their work.

All abstracts conforming to the above guidelines will be reviewed anonymously. The pool of reviewers comprises the AFLS executive and the local organising committee. Once the review process is complete, we will notify you whether your paper has been accepted, and if yes, for an oral or poster presentation.

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