

Dear SS25 delegates,

With less than one week to go until the Sociolinguistics Symposium 25 from 24 – 27 June 2024, we are very excited to welcome you to Curtin University for what's set to be a fantastic Conference.

There are a few final updates that we wanted to share with you in these final days, so please be sure to carefully read all of the following points.

1. PROGRAM

To view the PDF version of the Conference program, click [here](#). We have had reports that some delegates are viewing older versions of the PDF program, even though it has been updated on the website. We recommend that you clear your browsing data/cache to ensure you are able to view the most up-to-date version that's been added to the Conference website.

To view the interactive online version of the Conference program, click [here](#). This is the recommended version when you are at the Conference venue, as it will be the most up-to-date and easily viewable on your mobile device.

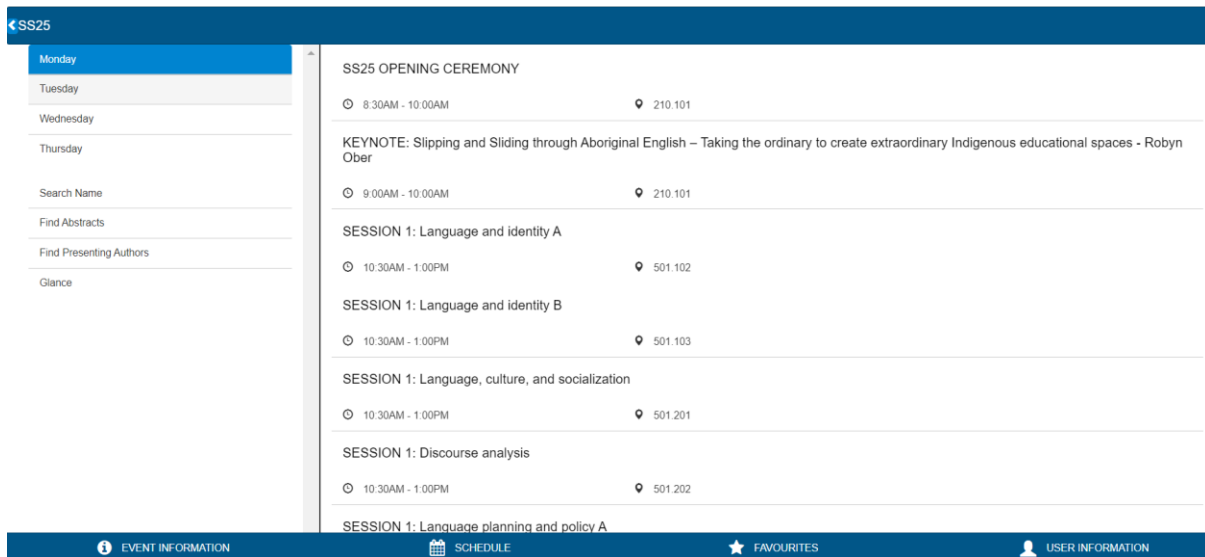
Catering and refreshments will be served in **BLD213 Foyer and Lawn**.

Please note, the program is now finalised, and we are unable to accommodate further revisions.

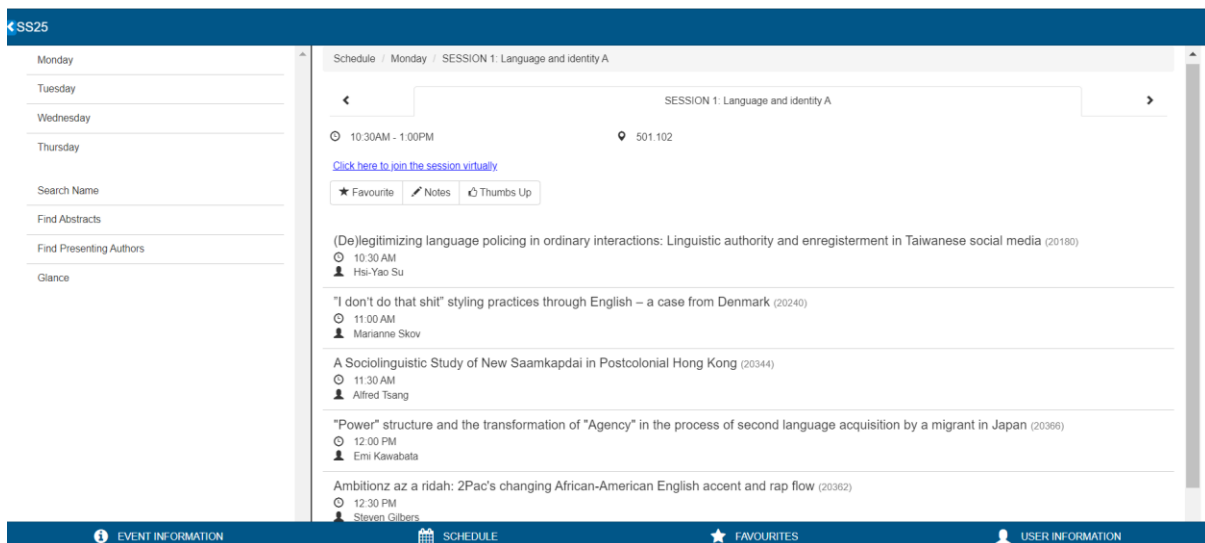
2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Hybrid Sessions: All sessions will have an in-person location for delegates to join and attend, where the virtually streamed portion (through Microsoft Teams) of the session will also be displayed on screen in the room. Many sessions will also have virtual only or a mixture of virtual and in-person presenters and/or attendees. There have been a number of queries surrounding virtual vs in-person participation at the Conference, so please ensure you read the following carefully, as we want to ensure a smooth experience for all.

2.2 Location: When you go into the Conference program (PDF or online version), you will see the assigned room detailed for each session. For example, as shown below ‘SESSION 1: Language and identity A’ will be in room 501.102.



2.3 Joining Virtually: If you are a presenter or attendee, it is the same process. After you click into a session in the online conference program, you will see ‘Click here to join the session virtually’ appear at the top of the page – shown below. This link will take you into a Microsoft Teams webinar for this session. The Teams webinar links are unique only to the session room (the in-person location as noted above in 2.2) and will be active/running all day, every day. As such, when you enter this virtual session, another presenter may still be speaking, so please ensure you enter on mute as to not distract from the current session.



2.4 Joining In-Person: Please make your way to the session room (as noted in 2.2) for each session you wish to attend. To get directions for the rooms on Campus, please

refer to the room finder [here](#). There will also be some directional wayfinding signage around Campus, so do keep an eye out for them if you get lost. Additionally, please refer to the map below which highlights where the different session rooms are located.



SOCIOLINGUISTICS SYMPOSIUM 25

Curtin University Campus Map



2.5 Session Timing: We kindly request that each presenter, be it in-person or virtual, stick to their allocated time as per the latest version of the Conference program [here](#). There will not be session chairs or other staff managing the session times for Colloquia and Concurrent sessions, so it is of utmost importance that you carefully manage your own time and **do not** go over, as this will eat into the next presenter's allocated time. It is the presenter's responsibility to begin their session at the appropriate time, even if it means interrupting the prior presenter in the room or virtual session.

You will note that in colloquia and concurrent session, there is an allocated 2 or 2.5 hours total time, with each individual presentation needing to stick to their allocated time as detailed in the specific presentation that sits within this overall session time block. As for colloquia sessions, each presenter is part of an overall colloquia that has a 2 or 2.5 hour block of time and **not** a designated time that sits within this – meaning all presenters of a single colloquia must liaise with each other to ensure stick to their correct time/order.

Student helpers will be available in the rooms only for technical issues. Timekeeping will be the sole responsibility of the presenters in sequence. Timekeeping cards will be available in the rooms.

2.6 Presentation: Presenters should ensure they upload their slides to the appropriate folder for the day and room name in the folder [here](#), following the naming convention date_room_sessiontitle. Alternatively, presenters should make your way to the session room at least 30 minutes before (during the break) the session start time to make sure the slides are working in the room correctly.

2.7 Audio Visual Equipment: Please note that there are no clickers being provided in session rooms, but you are welcome to bring your own. To ensure virtual participants can hear you, please ensure you utilise one of the several types of microphones (built-in, lapel, clip or foam box) that are on the lectern. Additionally, please be sure to return the microphone to its relevant dock after you are done with it, as it will need to remain charging when not in use.

2.8 Q&A: If presenters are taking questions at the end of their session, they will need to ensure anyone in the room speaks into one of the microphones in the room so it can be picked up for the virtual participants also. If you are an in-person presenter, please be mindful of questions that come through the Q&A feature within Teams, as you may get some from virtual participants. If you are a virtual presenter and are taking questions, you may need to wait a moment while attendees get to the microphone to ask their question. Please note, there will be no session chair moderating the Q&A, so it is the presenter's responsibility to manage this entirely, and to ensure it stays within their allocated time.

3. ACCESSIBILITY

3.1 On Campus: Please refer to the interactive map [here](#), where you can select different Points of Interest (POI) categories to be highlighted, such as accessible toilets or parking (amongst other things) for example.

3.1 Interpretation: We are providing virtual interpretation for all keynote sessions of the Conference from Monday – Wednesday, and in one room for a single stream of concurrent and colloquia sessions on the Monday only.

If you have requested an interpreter for your session during the registration process, we have already been in contact with you to arrange this. If you did not request an interpreter during registration and have not heard from us regarding this, then an interpreter has not been provided for you.

3.2 Closed Captions: As noted, all sessions will be streamed via Microsoft Teams and also shown in the session room. Sessions will utilise Teams' automatic Closed Caption feature throughout the Conference.

3.3 The first row of seating at the front of the room in each session will be reserved for those with accessibility needs.

4. FAQs

We have created a comprehensive list of FAQs that are detailed on our website [here](#). Please read through these carefully for any other general information that you may need to know.

On the FAQs page, we've also added a link to the previous 'Final Conference Information' letter that we sent to all registered attendees, which is also included [here](#) for your convenience.

5. CONFERENCE DINNER

5.1 We are pleased to confirm that we are now providing attendees who registered for the conference dinner on Wednesday 26 June with **one-way** transport to Optus

Stadium. There will be three buses waiting from 17:45 at the PI1 Carpark [here](#), which is just adjacent to the Conference session buildings. **Departures will be at 18:00 sharp.** Buses are on a first come, first serve basis, and if you are unable to get a spot on one, it will be your own responsibility to make your way to Optus Stadium. Please note, we are **not** providing delegate with a return journey, and you will all need to make your own way back.

5.2 The Conference Dinner will be held in The River View Room 1. Enter through Gate D and up to the Level 1 external concourse via the lift or staircase. Follow the concourse to the left and enter through Western Entrance, doors 7 or 8. Once inside the stadium, please follow instructions from the customer service representative and/or wayfinding screens to get to your event space.

6. CURTIN CAMPUS

6.1 Curtin Campus is a smoke-free venue.

6.2 To access Wi-Fi at Curtin Campus, please locate the 'Guest Wi-Fi' option. The username is: **ss25wifi** and the password is: **LbA#Qm**.

6.3 In the event of an emergency, follow the Exit signs and call the Safer Community Team by dialling 4444 from an internal phone; or (08) 9266 4444 from an external phone.

Please do not hesitate to direct questions to the SS25 Conference organisers and volunteers (with yellow labelled name badges) who will be onsite to assist with any queries.

There has been a flurry of requests from delegates over the last few weeks, and we thank you for your patience whilst we attempt to respond to each of you and action your requests. We look forward to welcoming you to Perth and Curtin University next week, and hope you have a memorable experience at SS25!