

Dear SS25 delegates,

Thank you for your participation in the Sociolinguistics Symposium 25 to be held at Curtin University, Perth, from 24 – 27 June 2024. We look forward to welcoming you in less than a fortnight. Please do read through this note at your earliest convenience so as to be able to hit the ground running when the conference starts!

1. REGISTRATION

We ask that you please login to your registration [HERE](#) to **check all your details are correct**. If there are any changes, such as no longer attending the Gala Dinner or Sundowner, these should be emailed to the conference organisers by **12PM AWST Friday 14 June 2024**, so that we can adjust catering numbers accordingly.

2. LOCATION

2.1 VENUE: Except for the ECR networking event (23 June) and the conference gala dinner (26 June), SS25 will be held at [Curtin University](#), Bentley campus, Kent Street, Bentley, WA.

2.2 Here is some information on how to get to Curtin's Bentley campus:

<https://properties.curtin.edu.au/getting-here/>

If you are driving, please view our [FAQs page](#) for information on Curtin parking requirements. We recommend that you download the CelloPark app in advance for a quick and easy parking experience; you can follow the links [here](#)

2.3 SESSION ROOMS: The opening and main keynote sessions will be held in the Elizabeth Jolley Lecture Theatre (room 210.101) found [here](#). For the Concurrent and Colloquia sessions, there are up to 14 other rooms across the campus being utilised at any given time. Please refer to the Conference Program for room names and the Curtin University Campus Map [here](#) to find directions.

2.4 REGISTRATION DESK

The registration desk and exhibitor display tables will be located in the Elizabeth Jolley Lecture Theatre Foyer (Building 210) found [here](#). Please ensure you visit the Registration Desk prior to proceeding to the Conference Rooms during the below times:

Monday 24 June	07:30 – 18:00
Tuesday 25 June	08:00 – 17:30
Wednesday 26 June	08:00 – 17:30
Thursday 27 June	08:00 – 14:00

2.5 NAME BADGES

All attendees will be given a name badge at registration. This badge is your official pass to sessions, breaks and networking events. It is necessary for all delegates to wear their name badges **at all times** when onsite for security reasons. If you are attending the ECR Networking Event on Sunday 23 June, your name badge will be ready for you when you arrive at Forrest Hall.

3. PROGRAM

For the most up-to-date version of the Conference program, please refer to [HERE](#).

If you are a presenter, it is your responsibility to review the Conference program and note your session date/time and room location. Please check the latest version of the Program, even if you had not asked for any revisions previously, as quite a few modifications have had to be made to accommodate several of the requests. We are now unable to make further revisions to the scheduling of sessions.

4. PRESENTATIONS and SESSION ROOMS

4.1 Presenters: If you have a presentation file for your session, please upload it to the relevant day/room folder [here](#) according to your session allocation in the program. Please ensure your presentation adheres to the following naming convention: date_room_sessiontitle. Alternatively, you can bring this with you on the day on a USB, and hand it to the in-room student volunteer helper. Please ensure this is done in the half hour break before the start of the entire session.

4.2 The format of your PowerPoint should be 16:9 ratio. SS25 does not require presentations to be on a designated template, so you are welcome to produce your own PowerPoint.

4.3 Please be reminded of the timing of presentations:

Each individual presentation comprises 20 minutes presentation plus 10 minutes Q/A. You must not go over the presentation time allocated to you as this will affect the other sessions in the program.

Colloquia are assigned a total of 2 hours, have varying numbers of presentations, and may be structured in different ways. Colloquia chairs will be responsible for the time management of their colloquia.

4.4 Please note that there will **not** be a dedicated Audio Visual technician in each room. Instead, we will have student volunteer helpers in each session room to assist with loading presentations onto the screen and launching any virtual component to the session. They will be on hand to troubleshoot any issues that may arise, and will be able to escalate to an AV technician if necessary.

4.5 Each physical session room is equipped with a desktop computer (with Curtin University guest access), a screen/projector, lectern or desk, lectern microphone, and/or wireless microphones in some rooms.

4.6 Although many sessions will be in-person, all sessions will be also streamed virtually via Microsoft Teams. The links for these will be available in the online Conference program session description. The sessions will be hosted on an open Teams meeting per room/day. This means that all sessions and their presentations in each room will utilise the same Teams link per room for each day. As such, we request delegates and presenters to please ensure they join the Teams meeting on time and on mute, so as to not disturb any sessions that are still in progress.

4.7 Diversity, equity, and belonging: SS25 has been striving to support diversity, equity, and inclusion. (Also see Curtin's strategy on diversity, inclusion and belonging: <https://www.curtin.edu.au/about/values-vision-strategy/diversity-equity/>).

In support of accessibility, we have made provision of the following: sign language interpreting to Auslan for all keynote sessions and one stream on Monday 24 June; sign language interpreting for specific presenters (on request) from ASL (to spoken English); closed captioning for all presentations.

We have an Infrared Hearing System (instead of a Hearing Loop) available on a **request only** basis. Should you require this, please inform the Conference Organisers no later than **17 June** so we can ensure availability.

Please see the below link to refer to Curtin's strategy for accessibility:

<https://www.curtin.edu.au/about/values-vision-strategy/diversity-equity/disability-accessibility/>

5. SOCIAL EVENTS

Welcome Reception: Monday 24 June 2024

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Venue: [The Curtin Tav](#), Building 106C, Curtin University, Bentley WA 6102

Conference Dinner: Wednesday 26 June 2024

Time: 6:30pm - 10:00pm

Venue: Optus Stadium, Riverview Room 1

Because of scheduling, it is recommended that delegates travel to the Gala Dinner directly from the conference venue

Transport: Trains run directly to the Stadium Station from Perth CBD. To plan your public transport journey to the Gala Dinner, use the [TransPerth Journey Planner](#)

For those of you that have not yet opted to attend the SS25 Gala Dinner and would now like to attend, please let us know by Tuesday 18 June 2024.

If you are now unable to attend the Dinner, please email ss25@theassociationspecialists.com.au so that we can adjust catering numbers accordingly.

Please note that it is currently Winter in Australia, you can view the upcoming weather reports [here](#). It is recommended that you bring a raincoat and/or umbrella to the event and dress accordingly.

We look forward to welcoming you to SS25!