

3rd International Conference on Chinese as a Second Language Research

Short Title: CASLAR
August 28-30, 2014
University of Parma, ITALY

Call for papers

Location: Department of Arts and Literature, History and Social Studies of the University of Parma, Italy
Conference website: <http://www.caslar2014.unipr.it/>
Meeting Email: caslar2014@unipr.it

Linguistic Field(s): Applied Linguistics; Language Teaching Methodology; Discourse Analysis; General Linguistics; Language Acquisition; Pragmatics

Subject Language(s): Chinese, English

Important Dates:

- **Abstract Submissions Due:** March 20, 2014
- Acceptance Notification (by email): April 20, 2014
- Early Birds Registration: up to May 30, 2014
- Conference Dates: August 28-30, 2014

Meeting Description:

CASLAR is a biennial conference with the goal to bring together scholars from all over the world whose research focuses on the acquisition, development and use of Chinese as a second language to survey available knowledge in the field, exchange ideas and initiate research projects. The conference is a part of the CASLAR movement that aims to transform a field from a primarily experienced-and practice-based discipline into a discipline based on and supported by research and theory. The first CASLAR conference was held at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou in 2010, the second one was in Taipei, Taiwan in 2012

Another means supporting this endeavor is a new bilingual journal *Chinese as a Second Language Research* 漢語作為第二語言研究 published by De Gruyter Mouton; Berlin/New York. Website of the journal:

<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/caslar>

Organizers:

Department of Arts and Literature, History and Social Studies, University of Parma
Department of Science of the Antiquity and Foreign Languages and Literature, University of Parma
Department of Economics, University of Parma

Conference Co-Chairs:

Professor Istvan Kecskes, Chairman of CASLAR, Editor-in-Chief of Intercultural Pragmatics and CASLAR journal, State University of New York, Albany, USA.
Professor Marco Mezzadri, Director of the Laboratory on Teaching Methodology, Department of Arts and Literature, History and Social Studies, University of Parma, ITALY.
Professor Carlotta Sparvoli, Department of Science of the Antiquity and Foreign Languages and Literature, University of Parma, ITALY.

Confirmed Plenary Speakers

Federico Masini, University of Rome
Zeng'an Peng, Fudan University
Chaofen Sun, Stanford University

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CASLAR 2014 invites proposals for presentations that are related to research and theory in any area of Chinese as a Second Language (CSL). Those wishing to participate should prepare abstracts for 20 minute presentations (15 minutes plus 5 minute Q & A). Below there are some suggested categories for topics, though submissions need not be limited to these areas.

Suggested Topic Areas:

- Acquisition and development of CSL (Chinese as a Second Language),
- Role of culture in the acquisition of CSL,
- Language Teaching Methodology for Chinese as a second / foreign language,
- Pragmatics of using Chinese as a second language,
- Cognitive aspects of CSL acquisition,
- Distance Learning in CSL,
- Technology and CSL,
- Computer-mediated communication in CSL,
- Acquisition of Chinese grammar, vocabulary,
- Chinese character acquisition and recognition,
- Discourse in CSL,
- Designing materials for CSL instruction,
- Conceptual socialization in the process of developing CSL
- Application of linguistic theories to Chinese L2 data,
- Motivation to learn Chinese,
- Effect of CSL on L1,
- Assessment of proficiency in CSL.

Conference proceeding publication:

All papers will be published in some form. Selected papers will be published in the CASLAR journal and in a volume by Mouton. The rest of the papers will be published as an e-book by the University of Parma.

Submissions

Abstract submission Deadline: March 20, 2014

Participants are invited to submit their abstract online at the site: <http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/caslar2014>.

Abstract:

Abstracts should be written in English or Chinese. Abstract length: maximum 350 words (or about 600 Chinese characters) with title and keywords (A4 or Letter size, 12 points in single space). The abstract should summarize the purpose of the study, methods, main results, and implications (if relevant).

Registration fees:

Early bird (up to May 30): 110 euro (80 euro for participant belonging to Institution from developing countries).
Non early bird registration: 130 euro (100 euros for participant belonging to Institution from developing countries).

How to pay the fee?

Payment by credit card or by bank transfer. The online payment page will be available at the Conference website.

Parma is located in the North of Italy, at 1 hour by train from Bologna, 1 and a half for Milan and 2 hours from Florence (moreover it has a direct connection to UK London Standed Airport). Other information about **how to reach Parma** are available at this page: http://www.caslar2014.unipr.it/?page_id=52

The Organizing Committee is arranging very affordable packages in a comfortable hotel in the city centre. Other information about **Accommodation, Registration, Post-conference events** will be released on the Conference website:

<http://www.caslar2014.unipr.it/>

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