5TH ILLA FOCUS CONFERENCE
ON FORENSIC LINGUISTICS

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VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY, KAUNAS, LITHUANIA

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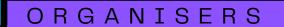We are excited to announce the 5th ILLA Focus Conference on Forensic Linguistics. This conference will occur in Kaunas on 2 September, before the 7th ILLA General Conference starts. Similar to previous editions, this focus conference encourages **language scientists and legal practitioners to submit abstract proposals on various fields** of inquiry within Forensic Linguistics (language as evidence), such as **authorship identification, speaker identification, plagiarism detection, language crimes, cybercrimes, and deception and lie detection.**

We welcome paper submissions related to the role of language experts in criminal investigations, the linguist as an expert witness in court, communication and interaction between lawyers and language experts, courtroom interaction, admissibility criteria, and ethics.

As a new feature, **we are accepting panel proposals for this focus conference.** Each panel proposal should include an introduction by the panel organiser justifying the relevance of the topic and a minimum of four abstracts. **The abstracts should focus on specific investigative problems, such as the impact of AI on identification tasks and copyright infringement.**

Finally, we also encourage **submissions for training workshops and posters.**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

MAKE SURE YOUR ABSTRACT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1 PURPOSE STATEMENT

2 RESEARCH PROBLEM

3 STATE OF THE ART

4 HYPOTHESES OR RESEARCH QUESTIONS

5 DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODS, INSTRUMENTS AND TOOLS

6 SUMMARY OF THE MAIN CONCLUSIONS OR STATEMENT ABOUT THE RELEVANCE AND POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE RESEARCH

7 REFERENCES (UP TO FIVE)

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE ABSTRACT IS **ANONYMISED.**

TITLE
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Text
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LENGTH
300 WORDS

KEYWORDS
ONE; TWO; THREE; FOUR; FIVE;
UP TO FIVE KEYWORDS SEPARATED BY A SEMICOLON

LANGUAGE
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ENGLISH

PLEASE FOLLOW **APA STYLE**

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FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES MAY BE A REASON FOR ABSTRACT REJECTION.

IMPORTANT DATES

15 September 2024
Call for papers

15 November 2024
2nd Call for papers

1 February 2025
Deadline for submission of abstracts

1 March 2025
Notification of acceptance/rejection

15 August 2025
End of registration

Early bird registration deadline:
15 May 2025

Regular registration deadline:
15 August 2025

ALL ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH:
HTTPS://EASYABS.LINGUISTLIST.ORG/CONFERENCE/ILLAFOCUS-FL/

Submissions open: Sept. 15, 2024 - Feb. 1, 2025
Abstracts will go through a blind peer-review process.

Webpage: https://conferences.vdu.lt/etn/general-illa-conference/