

## Welcome to ISLE 6 in Joensuu, Finland and online!

3rd Circular and a Call for Papers  
2 October 2020



ISLE 6 will take place on 2–5 June 2021 as a hybrid conference with options for both on-site and online participation. The full academic program can be followed online, and we are currently planning for different ways of socializing and interacting on-site and online.

We are of course closely monitoring the situation and are ready to go fully digital if need be. We will inform you of any changes through the ISLE website ([www.isle-linguistics.org](http://www.isle-linguistics.org)) and through the ISLE 6 website (<https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/>).

With changes in the conference format, we will also be able to accommodate more papers, and we will therefore open a new call for papers, posters and workshops. Please see below for more details.

### A. CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The conference theme is *Evolving English and the digital era* (please see the conference website at <https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/> for more details).

We are happy to announce that all our plenary speakers have kindly confirmed their participation in 2021:

**Kate Burridge** (Monash University): Truthiness and the English language — popular perception and fall-out

**Bruno Gonçalves** (ISI Foundation): A spatio-temporal approach to linguistic studies through social media

**Jack Grieve** (University of Birmingham): Lexical change in Modern English

**Terttu Nevalainen** (University of Helsinki): 1066 and all that – a meta-analytic approach to Middle English

We are also happy to note that all the originally planned pre-conference workshops will take place on Wednesday, 2 June 2021. Please visit <https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/pre-conference-workshops/> for more information on the workshops.

The conference will start with the workshops on Wednesday 2 June, followed by the ISLE presidential address, the first plenary talk and a welcoming reception. The academic program consists of four plenary lectures, a poster session, and a good number of on-site and online presentations. For on-site participants, Friday is the excursion day and the conference dinner will take place on Friday evening. The conference closes at 3pm on Saturday. A preliminary program summary is available on the conference website (<https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/program/>).

## B. INFORMATION ON ACCEPTED PAPERS AND A NEW CALL FOR PAPERS

All papers, posters and workshops that have already been accepted are automatically accepted for presentation in 2021. You will have the opportunity to make small changes to your abstracts (e.g. updates, minor revisions and changes in authors) as long as it is essentially the same research that was peer-reviewed earlier. A revised and formatted version of the abstract should be sent to the organizing committee via [isle6@uef.fi](mailto:isle6@uef.fi) by **31 March 2021**. If you want to make substantial changes to the abstract or send a whole new proposal, you may submit a new abstract to a new round of review by the scientific committee. If you are unsure whether the modifications made are major or minor, please contact the organizers, who will evaluate whether the abstract can be accepted as is or whether it should be submitted to a new round of review.

## C. SUBMITTING A NEW PROPOSAL

We welcome new proposals pertaining to the conference theme, and to any field of linguistic enquiry provided they deal with the English language.

### 1. Workshops

In addition to the six workshops already confirmed, we invite new proposals for workshops to be held on the first day of the conference. The proposal should include the following:

- Workshop title and names of the organizer(s)
- Brief description of the workshop (400–800 words)
- An outline of the procedure for selecting papers and participants
- Format of the workshop (please note that in principle workshops should follow the pattern of the main conference in assigning the customary twenty minutes per presentation plus ten minutes for discussion). The workshop can take place as an online, on-site or as a hybrid version.

The deadline for submission of workshop proposals is **30 November 2020**. Notifications of acceptance will be sent to the workshop organizers by mid-December 2020. Once a proposal is accepted, it will be the responsibility of the workshop organizers to publicize and run their workshop, including issuing a call for papers, reviewing and selecting abstracts, and so on.

### 2. Individual Papers and Posters

We invite new abstracts for individual papers and posters in the following formats:

- Full papers on-site/online
- Work-in-progress reports on-site/online
- Posters on-site
- Posters online (3min. video presentations)

For online papers and posters, we are hoping to be as synchronous as possible. Details on the different options will be communicated on the conference website as soon as they are crystallized.

Abstracts for full and WIP papers as well as posters should be between 300 and 500 words (excluding references), and should clearly state research questions, approach, method, data and (expected) results. The abstract must remain fully anonymous – please make sure that your files do not include your name in the document properties either.

Abstracts are submitted via the new Kongressi online system; to access the system, please follow the link: [https://registration.contio.fi/uef/Registration/Login?id=1370-ISLE6\\_2020-1967](https://registration.contio.fi/uef/Registration/Login?id=1370-ISLE6_2020-1967). Please refer to the conference website (<https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/submitting-a-new-proposal/>) for further guidelines.

The deadline for submission of paper and poster abstracts is **31 December 2020**. Abstracts will be reviewed anonymously, and notifications of acceptance sent out by mid-February 2021.

#### D. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

If you have already registered for ISLE 6, we ask you to hold your registrations for the new dates. The registration has been closed for now and will be reopened in early 2021. As the COVID-19 situation keeps evolving, the final decisions regarding the presentation format (i.e. on-site or fully online) will not have to be made until spring 2021.

Registration fees for on-site and online participation will be announced in spring 2021. Those of you who have already registered will be duly contacted if there are changes to the fees already paid.

Please note that ISLE membership is a prerequisite for participation at the conference. You can find out more about ISLE and how to join here: <https://www.isle-linguistics.org/join>.

#### E. IMPORTANT DATES

- Workshop proposals via conference email: **30 November 2020**
- Notification of workshop decisions: mid-December, 2020
- Abstract submission via Kongressi (new submissions, major changes to accepted abstracts): **31 December 2020**
- Notification of decisions: mid-February, 2021
- Revised abstracts (all accepted abstracts) via conference email: **31 March 2021**

We hope to deliver a new kind of conference experience in the digital era and look forward to hosting you in Joensuu and online in 2021!

#### **Local organizing committee**

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