



Methods in Dialectology XVII

JGU Mainz

August 3-7, 2020

First call for papers

Methods XVII invites submissions for paper and poster presentations, as well as proposals for special sessions. The conference will take place from August 3-7, 2020. It will be hosted by the Department of English and Linguistics (JGU Mainz) and held at the *Erbacher Hof* in Mainz.

Methods in Dialectology is a triennial conference that traditionally alternates between Canada and Europe. Originally a forum for the discussion of methodological issues in dialect research, Methods conferences have progressively extended their topical range and now include the whole spectrum of regional, historical, and social language variation. The Methods series welcomes contributions investigating any of the world's languages.

The theme for Methods XVII is **(Dia)Lects in the 21st Century**.

We are delighted to announce that the following colleagues have agreed to give a plenary at Methods XVII:

- Jenny Cheshire (Queen Mary, London)
- Karen Corrigan (Newcastle)
- Damaris Nübling (Mainz)
- Sali Tagliamonte (Toronto)

Conference website: <http://methodsxvii.uni-mainz.de/>

CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSALS (due September 1, 2019)

We invite special session proposals for Methods XVII, which will be held throughout the conference.

Special sessions may either be concerned with particular methodological instruments, technological innovations or special themes, or they may have a particular focus on a language group or a specific topic.

Each proposal should include an overview of the topic and its importance, in no more than 500 words. The proposal should also state the relevance of the special session to Methods XVII.

If you would like to organise a special session, please submit your proposal with a complete list of speakers and all abstracts (4-8 slots available per special session, 2-4 hours in total) by **September 1, 2019**. Potential organisers of special sessions are responsible for calls and peer-review **prior** to submission of the proposal to Methods XVII.

Submit your special session proposal here:

<https://www.umfrageonline.com/s/methodsviispecialsessionssubmission>

Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by the end of October 2019.

CALL FOR PAPERS (due November 15, 2019)

We invite abstracts for the following presentation formats:

- full paper (20 + 10 mins discussion)
- poster (incl. a 5-minute presentation in the Poster Pitch Session)

Abstracts must be anonymous and not exceed 500 words. References do not count toward the word count. Abstracts should clearly state the research question(s), approach, method, data and (expected) results. Please submit anonymous files in pdf format. When submitting, please specify whether you would prefer your abstract to be considered for acceptance as a paper, poster, or both (note that selecting 'both' will not reduce a submission's chances of being accepted as a paper). Authors are allowed to submit two abstracts if at least one paper is co-authored.

We accept submissions through **<https://www.umfrageonline.com/s/methodsxviisubmission>** until **November 15, 2019**.

Notification of acceptance will be sent out by the end of March, 2020.

Registration information will be made available by that time.

For more information, please visit our website at **<http://methodsxvii.uni-mainz.de/>**, or contact the organizing committee at methodsxvii@uni-mainz.de.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Mainz!

The local organising committee