



Methods in Dialectology XVII

JGU Mainz

August 1-5, 2022

First call for papers

Methods XVII invites submissions for paper and poster presentations, as well as proposals for special sessions. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, Methods XVII has been rescheduled twice and is now taking place **August 1-5, 2022**. 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 are still on board and will 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 30, 2021)

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 30, 2021**. Potential organisers of special sessions are responsible for calls and peer-review **prior** to submission of the proposal to Methods XVII.

Please monitor the conference website (<http://methodsxvii.uni-mainz.de/>), a link to the submission system will be posted there in due course. **Submission for special sessions will be possible between September 1 and September 30, 2021.**

Notifications of acceptance (special sessions) will be sent out by the end of November 2021.

CALL FOR PAPERS (due December 15, 2021)

We invite abstracts for the following presentation formats:

- full paper (20 mins presentation + 10 mins discussion)
- online paper (20 minutes asynchronous/pre-recorded screencast/video)
- 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.

Please monitor the conference website (<http://methodsxvii.uni-mainz.de/>), a link to the submission system will be posted there in due course. **Submission for papers and posters will be open between October 1 and December 15, 2021.**

Notification of acceptance will be sent out by the **end of April 2022**. Registration information will be made available by that time.

A note on re-submission (accepted for 2020):

If you had been accepted for a paper or poster for the 2020 conference, **you will need to re-submit your abstract**. Neither papers nor posters will be carried over to the 2022 conference. The submission system will include different options for you to choose from when you re-

submit (e.g. “no changes made”, “minor changes made”). If you submit a paper on a different topic, you do not need to indicate that you had submitted something for 2020.

For more information and any updates, 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 welcoming you in Mainz!

The local organising committee