



**13th Biennial Conference of the International Association of
Forensic Linguists
on the theme of
New Challenges for Forensic Linguists**

First call for papers

The University of Porto, in Portugal, will host the **13th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Forensic Linguists** on the theme of **New Challenges for Forensic Linguists**. The conference, which is organised jointly by the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Law, aims to engage the participants in the debate of the new challenges for Forensic Linguists and Forensic Linguistics, and will be held from 10 to 14 July 2017.

1st Call for Papers: Call deadline: 31 October 2016.

A second call for papers will be issued in November 2016 with a deadline of mid-January 2017. We recommend that those who need to apply for a Visa or for funding should submit their proposals during the first call so as to receive an early confirmation of acceptance, although authors who submit abstracts during the second call for papers will not be disadvantaged in any way.

We invite abstract submissions for PAPERS, POSTERS and COLLOQUIA, in English or in Portuguese, dealing with forensic linguistics / language and the law including, but not limited to:

Legal Languages:

- The history of legal languages
- The role of literacy in legal languages
- Legal genres
- Critical approaches to legal languages
- Language education for law professionals

Legal Discourse:

- Courtroom, police and prison discourse
- Investigative interviewing
- Multilingual matters in legal contexts
- Power and the law
- The comprehensibility of legal documents
- Interviews with vulnerable witnesses in the legal system

Language minorities and the legal system:

- Linguistic disadvantage before the law
- Courtroom interpreting and translation
- Human Rights matters

Law on language:

- Language policy and language rights
- Offensive language
- The linguist as expert witness

Linguistic evidence and investigative linguistics:

- Forensic phonetics and speaker identification
- Forensic stylistics
- Linguistic determination of nationality
- Authorship analysis
- Plagiarism
- Trademark disputes
- Consumer product warnings
- Deception and fraud

Other Related Sub-Themes:

- Computational Forensic Linguistics
- Cybercrime
- Online identities and interactive multimodal communication
- Multimodal approaches to forensic linguistics
- Intercultural mediation
- Comparative law

INDIVIDUAL PAPERS: Individual papers are invited for presentations of 20 minutes, with a further 10 minutes for questions. Abstracts of no more than 300 words, including references, should be sent via the submissions page (<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=iaflporto2017>) by 31 October 2016 (to be considered in the first call). Please do not include your name, affiliation and email

address in the abstract itself. Notifications of acceptance of the first call for papers will be communicated by 30 November 2016.

POSTERS: Proposals for posters of no more than 300 words, including references, should be sent via the submissions page (<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=iaflporto2017>) by 31 October 2016 (to be considered in the first call). Posters, which will be on display during the conference, should be of A0 size (841mm x 1189mm) in portrait orientation. Notifications of acceptance will be communicated by 30 November 2016.

COLLOQUIA: Proposals are invited for colloquia on particular topics related to forensic linguistics/language and the law. Each colloquium should include several independent papers and a joint discussion. Although 15 minutes per paper is recommended, with 5 minutes per paper for discussion, the colloquium organiser(s) will decide on the allocation of this time between the introduction, the individual paper presentations and the discussion. Colloquia proposals should be submitted by the colloquia organiser(s) and include an abstract of no more than 750 words describing the overall colloquium, the names of the individual contributors and the titles of the presentations, as well as the name of the discussant. Submitted proposals should also indicate the expected duration of the colloquium (1, 1.5 or 2 hours). Upon notification of acceptance, the colloquium organiser(s) will be asked to submit all individual abstracts (of no more than 300 words) by the end of March 2017 to be included in the conference programme.

Official language: The official language of the **13th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Forensic Linguists** on the theme of **New Challenges for Forensic Linguists** is English, with the exception of the special track (in Portuguese).

Organized by: University of Porto

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