Modelling Prescriptivism: Language, Literature, and Speech Communities

23-25 September 2021

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are delighted to announce that the **6th Prescriptivism Conference** will be held on **23-25 September 2021**, organised by members of the **Language Variation and Textual Categorisation (LVTC)** research group at the University of Vigo, Spain.

Five previous highly successful conferences in this series have demonstrated the value of studying prescriptivism, as scholars from a variety of language traditions and approaches have garnered valuable insights into prescriptivism and standardisation in language. Following Sheffield (2003), Ragusa (2006), Toronto (2009), Leiden (2013), and Park City, Utah (2017), the theme of the next conference in Vigo (2021) will be **"Modelling Prescriptivism: Language, Literature, and Speech Communities"**.

We invite papers on any aspect of prescriptivism in any of these three strands, approaching the subject from ideology and methodology, diachrony and synchrony. The conference language will be English, but we will welcome papers focussed on English and New/World Englishes as well as other official and/or minority languages.

Proposals may be on topics including (but not limited to) the following:

- The history of prescriptivism and standardisation
- Methods for the study of prescriptivism
- Linguistic approaches to prescriptivism
- Literary approaches to prescriptivism
- Prescriptivism in new varieties of English
- Prescriptivism in speech communities

The conference plenary speakers are:

- Joan C. Beal (University of Sheffield, UK)
- Kate Burridge (Monash University, Australia)
- Don Chapman (Brigham Young University, USA)

The event will be hosted via Zoom and will run over three days with non-parallel sessions. Participants may choose a live or a pre-recorded presentation; the discussions will all be live. Technical details to follow.

Individual papers and round tables are welcome.

Individual Proposals
Please send a proposal for a paper with a maximum of 400 words (including references). Abstracts must be anonymised. Presentations will consist of 20-min talk + 10-min Q&A.

Roundtable Proposals
Please send a proposal for a roundtable with a maximum of 600 words (including references). The papers should be connected by one core subject for discussion and/or a central question for the panel to answer. We suggest 3 to 5 individuals. An example format would be: 40 minutes of presentations, 15 minutes discussion, 30 minutes Q&A.

Authors are allowed to submit two abstracts if at least one of the papers is co-authored.

The submission deadline is **1 March 2021** and notification of acceptance will be sent by **20 April 2021**. Abstract submission is via EasyChair at easychair.org/conferences/?conf=prescriptivism2021.

We have plans for publishing a peer-reviewed selection of papers from the conference, most likely in thematically coherent volumes which will be submitted for the consideration of international publishers.

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