

The 31st Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-31)

Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Venice, Italy

July 2 – July 4, 2025

The International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL) is the only international professional organization devoted to the promotion of scientific research on Chinese linguistics/languages, and has held its annual conference at various leading institutions in Asia, North America, Europe, and Australia since its establishment in 1992. The event serves as an important occasion for scholars and researchers working on Chinese linguistics across the globe to present original and unpublished research work in all subfields of linguistics on a great variety of the Chinese languages or other languages of China.

The 31st Annual Conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-31) will take place on July 2-4, 2024, hosted by Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy. Ca' Foscari University is happy to invite scholars and students in relevant fields to join the event in Venice.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Conference Dates: **July 2 – July 4, 2025**
- Abstract Submission Deadline (for regular presentations): **February 4, 2025, 11:59 pm, Beijing Time (GMT +8)**
- YSA/MJH/IRA Papers Submission Deadline: **February 2, 2025, 11:59 pm, Beijing Time (GMT +8)**
- Early Registration Deadline: **June 10, 2025**

First call for papers

Abstracts are invited for talks on any fields of Chinese linguistics or linguistic studies of languages in China. Each talk will be 20 minutes, followed by a 10-minute discussion. Submissions are limited to one individual and one joint abstract per author.

Abstract format

- Abstract length is limited to one page (letter size; using 2.5 cm or 1 inch margins on all sides), including examples and (selected) references.
- Abstracts can be written in English or Chinese:
For English: Please use Times New Roman font, size 12 pt
For Chinese: Please use *Songti* font 宋体 or SimSun, size 'small 4'
- Abstracts should be submitted in two versions, i.e., one in the form of a PDF and the other in the form of a DOC or DOCX.
- Abstracts should be anonymous, but please make sure to include your contact information in your email upon submission.

Submission guidelines

- Abstracts should be submitted directly to the conference email address:
<iac131venice@gmail.com>

- Please title the subject of your e-mail with “ABSTRACT-IACL31”. In the email, please include name(s) of the author(s), academic rank(s), affiliation(s), abstract title, subcategory (e.g., syntax, phonology, Sino-Tibetan linguistics, etc.), and the e-mail address for contact.
- Please name the abstract file in the following way:
 For single-authored papers: LastName_FirstName.pdf
 For co-authored papers: LastName_FirstName_co.pdf (list only the first author)
 (For example, Haihua Pan would name his abstract file “Pan_Haihua.pdf”, or “Pan_Haihua_co.pdf” for a co-authored paper)
- Abstract Submission Deadline: **February 4, 2025, 11:59 pm, Beijing Time (GMT +8)**
- Notification of Acceptance: around April 4, 2025

Notes: Non-IACL members must join IACL within 30 days of acceptance notification to be eligible for presentation at IACL-31.

The IACL Awards

The Young Scholar Award (YSA)

The YSA competition is an innovative attempt by the IACL to promote, recognize, and encourage scholarship by young scholars. It is held once a year in conjunction with the IACL annual conference.

A maximum of 5 (normally 2-4) finalists will be selected, each awarded a travel subsidy plus accommodation and invited to the IACL conference to give an oral presentation at a special session organized for this purpose, before a panel of judges chaired by the IACL President (the review committee of any given year may also recommend that no finalist be invited). The author of the best paper selected by the panel will be honored at the banquet of the annual conference, awarded US \$1000, and presented with an award certificate.

Eligibility

- Participants must be 35 years of age or younger by the date of the final round of the competition (i.e., July 2, 2025).
- Participants’ current academic rank must be below that of associate professor in the Chinese and American university systems, and below that of senior lecturer in the British system.
- Previous award winners are not eligible to re-enter the competition.
- Non-members must join the IACL within 30 days of acceptance notification; otherwise, your qualification for the final round of competition will be revoked.

Submission Guidelines

- Each participant is required to submit a single-authored full paper of no more than 25 pages in length and an abstract of no more than one page in length (letter size). Both the abstract and the full paper should be anonymous.
- All submissions for the YSA competition must be original papers that have not been published or accepted for publication, nor presented at a major conference or included in its proceedings.
- A paper submitted to a previous IACL conference cannot be re-submitted.
- Please submit the abstract and the full paper directly to the conference email address (<iac31venice@gmail.com>), and title the subject of the submission email “YSA”. In the email, please include: paper title, subcategory (e.g. syntax, phonology, Sino-Tibetan

linguistics, etc.), author's name, author's age as of July 2, 2025, affiliation, academic rank, and the email address for contact.

- **Submission Deadline**

The abstract and the full paper should be submitted no later than **February 2, 2025, 11:59 pm, Beijing Time (GMT +8)**. The results of acceptance will be announced around April 22, 2025. Those who are selected as YSA finalists must submit proofs of their age and academic rank.

Mantaro J. Hashimoto (MJH) Award for Chinese Historical Phonology

This award is an annual prize in the amount of US \$500, donated by Professor Anne Yue in memory of the eminent linguist and sinologist, Professor Mantaro J. Hashimoto. It is offered as an encouragement to young scholars who wish to devote themselves to the study of Chinese historical phonology, a field in which Professor Hashimoto was especially interested and to which he made numerous important contributions.

The prize will be administered as part of the Young Scholar Award (YSA) process. All YSA papers submitted in the field of Chinese historical phonology will automatically be concurrently considered for the MJH Award.

Submission Guidelines

Title the subject of the submission email "YSA/MJH". Applicants should follow the published YSA guidelines in preparing their submissions. All regulations, restrictions, selection criteria, and judging standards current in the YSA process will apply to papers considered for the MJH Award, with the exception that MJH submissions must deal specifically with the area of historical phonology.

The Interdisciplinary Research Award (IRA)

This award is an annual prize in the amount of US \$500, established in the honor of Professor Hsin-I Hsieh for his immense contributions to the IACL and to the field of Chinese linguistics. The award is offered as a token of encouragement to young scholars who wish to devote themselves to interdisciplinary studies in Chinese linguistics.

The prize will be administered as part of the Young Scholar Award (YSA) process. All papers with an interdisciplinary approach submitted for YSA will automatically be concurrently considered for the IRA Award.

Submission Guidelines

Title the subject of the submission email "YSA/IRA". Applicants should follow the published YSA guidelines in preparing their submissions. All regulations, restrictions, and selection criteria adopted in the YSA process will apply to the papers considered for the *Interdisciplinary Research Award*, with the exception that these submissions must have an interdisciplinary focus, which includes interface studies (phonology-syntax, morph-syntax, syntax-semantics, etc.), studies which combine diachronic and synchronic approaches, those that combine methodologies from different frameworks (formal, functional, typological, etc.), or those that combine linguistics and other disciplines (literature, anthropology, sociology, psychology, computer science, etc.).

For past winners and more information of these awards, please go to the IACL website:

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Contact us

For more information, please visit the conference website (www.unive.it/iacl31) or the IACL website (<http://iacl-linguistics.org/#/>).

All inquiries concerning the conference should be addressed to the IACL-31 Organizing Committee at <iacl31venice@gmail.com>.

The IACL-31 Organizing Committee

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