

Written words: From graphematic forms to meaning

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Second call for papers

Extending the Association of Written Language and Literacy’s (AWLL) tradition of international conferences devoted to writing systems, AWLL15 will convene to facilitate researchers from various backgrounds in exploring their shared interests in written words; from their diverse graphematic forms to the different kinds of information evoked within the reciprocal processes of writing and reading. In that spirit, this call invites abstract submissions that address relevant research questions, including (but not limited to) the following:

- How do the different dimensions of graphematic complexity (i.e., Daniels & Share, 2018) play out across different writing systems?
- How do various linguistic factors (i.e., phonological and/or morphological awareness, discursive style) interact in producing and comprehending written words?
- How can cross-linguistic studies elucidate the distinction between the language-universal and language-specific properties of written words?
- What are the cognitive and neurological mechanisms that mediate the processing from graphematic words to meaning?
- What historical practices, sociolinguistic tensions and/or technological shifts influence the realization of contemporary texts?

The 3-day program will feature two keynote talks, a themed-symposium, a series of oral and poster sessions, AWLL’s business meeting and conclude with a panel discussion.

Keynote speakers:

Elinor Saiegh-Haddad (Bar-Ilan University, Israel)

Alessandro Lenci (University of Pisa, Italy)

Local organizer: Vito Pirrelli (CNR Pisa, Italy)

Program committee: Terry Joyce (Tama University, Japan), Lynne Cahill (University of Sussex, UK), Dorit Ravid (University of Tel Aviv, Israel), Vito Pirrelli (CNR Pisa, Italy)

Important dates:

First call for papers: 15 January 2025

Second call for papers: 15 April 2025

Submission deadline: 01 June 2025

Notification of acceptance: 01 August 2025

Submission guidelines:

Applicants for both oral and poster presentations should submit **anonymized** abstracts of **no more than 300 words** (not including up to 3 references) and an indication of presentation preference as a Word file. Oral presentations will be for 30 minutes (inclusive of time for questions and discussion).

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