The Fourth International Conference on Formal Approaches to Meaning in Chinese

December 18-19, 2025
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

First Call for Papers

The International Conference on Formal Approaches to Meaning in Chinese emphasizes the semantic analysis of the Chinese languages, as well as other languages in reference to Chinese, within the framework of formal semantics using logical tools such as first-order logic, Boolean algebra, lattice theory, etc. This conference series, with the first held in 2019, provides a platform for scholars to share their latest research findings on formal semantics of the Chinese languages.

The conference aims to:

- Evaluate current theoretical assumptions and existing analytical frameworks of formal semantics.
- Discuss current theoretical analyses of natural languages (particularly the Chinese languages and other languages in comparison to the Chinese languages), and explore their limitations and deficiencies.
- Propose new analyses and theories to promote the theoretical development of formal semantics in China.

The fourth conference, organized by Language Acquisition Laboratory, Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, will be held in Hong Kong during December 18-19, 2025. The conference theme is "Frontiers of Formal Semantics".

Call for papers

We cordially invite abstracts for oral and poster presentations of original, unpublished research work on semantic studies of the Chinese languages and/or other languages with reference to the Chinese languages including, but not limited to:

- Semantics of nominal phrases
- Semantics of quantity and quantification
- Semantics of wh-phrases and wh-structures
- Semantics of information structure (topic/focus)
- Semantics of monotonicity and negative expressions
- Semantics of conditionals
- Event semantics
- Degree semantics
- Modality and possible world semantics
- Intensionality and semantics of indexicals
- Semantics-pragmatics interface
- Acquisition and processing of semantic knowledge

Abstract format

- Abstracts may be written in English (preferred) or Chinese. Each abstract should include a clear title at the top of the page and have one-inch margins on all sides.
  - English: Times New Roman font (size: 12 point)
  - Chinese: SimSun 宋體 (size: small 4 "小四" point)
- Abstracts should be fitted on one A4 page, with an extra page to include examples, tables, figures, and selected references.

Submission Guidelines:

- Abstracts should be submitted in Word format (.docx) via the Oxford Abstracts platform: https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/78857/submitter
- Abstracts must be anonymous. The name of the author(s) should only appear in the electronic submission form on the Oxford Abstracts platform.
- Please name the abstract file as follows:
  - Single-author abstract: LastName_FirstName.docx
  - Co-authored abstract: LastName_FirstName_co.docx (the name of the first author)
- Submissions are limited to one single-author and one co-authored, or two co-authored abstracts per author.

Important Dates

- Deadline for abstract submission: August 31, 2025
- Notification of acceptance: October 31, 2025
- Conference dates: December 18-19, 2025

Organizer

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- Shenzhen Research Institute, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Major Project of the Social Science Fund of China "Formal Semantic Studies of Chinese and Theoretical Innovations of Formal Semantics" [22&ZD295])
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第四屆漢語形式語義研究國際會議

2025 年 12 月 18 日至 19 日
香港中文大學

第一號徵稿通知

漢語形式語義研究旨在形式語義學的框架下使用邏輯工具（一階邏輯、布爾代數、格理論等）來分析漢語以及與漢語相關的其他語言的語義現象。《漢語形式語義研究國際會議》系列，爲學者提供一個分享漢語形式語義學最新研究成果的平台，於 2019 年首次舉辦。第四屆會議將於 2025 年 12 月 18 日至 19 日在香港中文大學舉行，由香港中文大學語言學及現代語言系語言獲得實驗室主辦。本屆會議主題為「形式語義學的前沿研究」。

本會議旨在：

- 評估當前形式語義學的理論假設和現有分析框架。
- 討論當前自然語言理論分析，特別是對漢語及與漢語進行比較的其他語言的語義的分析，探討其局限性和不足。
- 提出新的分析和理論，促進形式語義學在中國的理論發展。

論文徵集

我們誠邀各位就漢語及及與漢語相關的其他語言的語義研究提交論文摘要（用於口頭報告或海報展示），內容必須為原創和未發表，議題包括但不限於：

- 名詞短語的語義
- 數量及量化的語義
- 疑問詞及疑問結構的語義
- 信息結構（主題/焦點）的語義
- 單調性及否定的語義
- 條件句的語義
- 事件語義學
- 程度語義學
- 情態與可能世界的語義
- 內涵性和索引性研究
- 語義與語用介面研究
- 語義知識的習得與處理

摘要格式

- 摘要可使用英文（優先）或中文撰寫，頁首需有清晰標題，並在四邊留白一英寸。
    - 英文摘要：Times New Roman 12 號字體
    - 中文摘要：宋體小四號字體

- 摘要篇幅限一頁 A4 紙，可另附一頁包含例句、表格、圖表、以及參考文獻。

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重要日期

- 摘要提交截止日期：2025 年 8 月 31 日
- 錄取通知日期：2025 年 10 月 31 日
- 會議日期：2025 年 12 月 18 日至 19 日

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