

# 45<sup>th</sup> International Systemic Functional Congress—ISFC18

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Boston College

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

**Congress Theme: ‘(Re)Imagining the Future’**

## **Call for Proposals**

The 2018 International Systemic Functional Congress (ISFC) will be held at Boston College, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Since its origins, Systemic Functional Linguistic theory has been conceptualized as an ideologically committed form of social action. **The theme “(Re)Imagining the Future: Expanding Resources and Making Connections”** helps us consider how we can use SFL in robust ways to address and challenge current and future social issues such as global conflict, deficit migration policies, education inequity and racism. The theme also invites consideration on how to expand semiotic systems that can be used to challenge these issues and generate interdisciplinary knowledge (e.g. sociology and applied linguistics). Because of its focus on building bridges among disciplines, the conference theme also invites those with other linguistic perspectives to participate. Join us for a one of a kind transnational scholarly experience that engages us in global collaboration.

\*\* Proposals can be submitted in English or Spanish for presentation in the language of submission

## **Strands**

Proposal contributors are invited to address the ISFC 2018 Conference theme through focus areas including:

- Corpus Linguistics
- Disciplinary Discourses
- Discourse Analysis: Critical, Positive, or Other Approach
- Education and Linguistics
- Language Acquisition: First, Second, Bi- and Multi-
- Language Development
- Language Typology
- Legitimation Code Theory
- Multilingualism
- Multimodality
- Second and Foreign Language Pedagogy

- SFL research methods
- Translation

Proposals on other topics are also welcome.

**Submission of Proposals**

All proposals, and questions regarding proposals, should be sent to [ISFC2018Proposal@unco.edu](mailto:ISFC2018Proposal@unco.edu)

ISFC will be accepting submission for proposals from September 1 to October 15, 2017.

All abstracts must include the title, author(s), and affiliations. Submissions should also refer to the purpose of and background to the presentation, the methodology and theoretical orientation, results, significance of the work, key references, and three key terms.

**New scholars** (pre-tenure scholars who are in their first five years of their career) are strongly encouraged to send proposals. ISFC is an important venue for the promotion of SFL new scholars. Please identify yourself as a new scholar in a sentence at the end of the proposal if applicable.

For possible formats for presentation proposals, please see below:

Format for presentations	Time slots	Abstracts word limit	Format Description
Individual Paper	20 minutes	250 words	Papers are formal presentations by one or more authors on a research topic with 20 minutes for presentation and five minutes for questions.
Poster	120 minutes	150-200 words	Poster presentations allow for greater face-to-face interaction with a visual representation of an academic study/project on SFL research and practice. Presenters should expect to discuss with other scholars who are interested in the same topic. Print and digital posters are welcome.
Roundtable Discussion	10 minutes	150-200 words	Roundtable discussions are intended for works in progress for researchers who seek feedback from colleagues interested in similar research topics. The presenter will have 10 minutes to present followed a five-minute discussion period.

Colloquia	110 minutes	Title of Colloquium, Organizer: 250 word abstract  Each presentation in order: Title, presenter, 200 word abstract, and Discussant(s) if included	Colloquia consist of 3-4 closely related presentations by different presenters on a joint topic convened by a (team of) chair(s). The purpose is to provide opportunities for scholars to meet and discuss current research on the topic related to SFL. Submissions should also refer to the purpose of and background to the presentation briefly, the methodology and theoretical orientation as well as indicating something of the findings and/significance of the work.
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A review of the proposals will be conducted by members of the organizing committee, supported by a panel of experts in Systemic Functional Linguistics. Notification of acceptances will be given by January 15, 2018, via e-mail.

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