

The Language and Culture Center (LCC) at Duke Kunshan University Invites you to submit proposals to the

LCC 2027 Conference

Language Education in Times of Change: Transnationalism, Criticality, and Innovation

DATE: April 16, 2027

Submission Deadline: September 30, 2026

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Yongyan Zheng, Fudan University

Rooted in Duke Kunshan University's vision of globalism and its "In China, For the World" mission, this conference explores the rapidly shifting landscape of transnational higher education. Today, language educators face sweeping transformations driven by intense global interconnectedness, evolving intercultural demands, and the rise of AI-enabled learning ecologies. This theme invites critical dialogue and pedagogical innovation. By examining how we navigate these changes, the conference aims to reconsider language teaching and learning, and empower educators to cultivate resilient, critically minded global citizens prepared for an interconnected future.

About the LCC

The Language and Culture Center (LCC) is the academic division in Duke Kunshan University responsible for offering language courses, especially courses in English for Academic Purposes (EAP), Chinese as a Second Language (CSL), and Additional Language courses. The LCC also offers advanced courses in written and oral communication skills. Through the Writing and Language Studio, the LCC provides individualized coaching for Duke Kunshan students, staff and faculty.

Call for Proposals

We invite participants to submit proposals in the following fields or related topics including, but not limited to:

- Innovative language learning, teaching pedagogy, and assessment
- Writing and literacy education
- Policy, power, and linguistic diversity
- Literature, culture, and translation education
- AI and technology in language, culture, and teacher education
- Criticality, identity, and society
- Media and cross-cultural encounters
- Transnationalism, mobility, and globalization
- Cultural responsiveness in language education

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FORMAT

Paper Presentation is a report on an original study or practice delivered within 20 minutes, including 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. We have made an intentional choice to limit presentation times so that there is more time for discussion and conversation, both during and between sessions. Paper proposals should include a title (15 words) and an abstract (250 words), as well as name(s), affiliation(s), and contact information of the presenter(s).

Panel should consist of 3-4 paper presentations, which will share a 60-minute session inclusive of the discussion. Panel proposals should include (1) an overview of the entire panel, including title (15 words) and abstract (150 words); and (2) title (15 words) and abstract (250 words) of each individual paper, as well as name(s), affiliation(s), and contact information of the presenter(s).

Interactive Poster Session fosters engaging discussions and conversations between poster session presenters and their colleagues. Poster proposals should include a title (15 words) and a short proposal of 200 words describing your poster session, as well as name(s), affiliation(s), and contact information of the presenter(s).

SUBMISSION

Please submit proposals by scanning the QR code or using this link:

https://duke.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b7oXVI9Ghn7iIE6

Submission of proposals due: **September 30, 2026**

Notification of acceptance: **November, 2026**

Inquiries should be sent to: **LCC_Conference@dukekunshan.edu.cn**

Conference registration fee: **500RMB (faculty) /300RMB (student)**

