

CALL FOR PAPERS



First International Conference: Literacy as Social Practice

11th and 12th of June, 2019

University of Seville (Spain)

Proposals are welcome to contribute to the *First International Conference on Literacy as Social Practice*. The aim of the Conference is to expand knowledge on the social role of literacy in urban areas. We welcome contributions that, working within the framework of the New Literacy Studies (Barton & Hamilton, 1998; Baynham, 1995; Gee, 1991; Maybin, 1993; Pahl & Rowsell, 2012; Street, 1995), may adopt a variety of perspectives: social semiotics and the ethnography of communication (Gee, 1999; Halliday, 1978; Hodge & Kress, 1988; Hymes, 1996; Maybin, 1994; Van Leeuwen, 2005); linguistic ethnography and anthropology (De Fina, 2009; Compland & Creese, 2015; Rampton, 2007); multimodal discourse (Kress, 1997); body literacies (Leander & Boldt, 2013); literacy and the post-human and new materialism (Braidotti, 2013; Kuby, Gutshall Rucker, & Kirchhofer, 2015). Contributions will deal with new notions of literacy and its relationship with the complex net of spaces in which it takes place: digital, material, immaterial, multilingual and post-human spaces (Burnett et al., 2014; Enriquez et al., 2016). (Burnett et al., 2014; Enriquez et al., 2016).

Contributions may engage with any of the following topics:

1. Linguistic ethnography.
2. Collaborative ethnography.
3. Life narratives.
4. Multimodal and multilingual literacies.
5. Ethnographic approaches to digital literacy.
6. Literacy and identity.

Plenary speakers

1. Cathy Burnett (Sheffield Hallam University, UK)
2. Julia Gillen (University of Lancaster, UK)
3. Uta Papen (University of Lancaster, UK)

Description of the conference topic

Understanding people's literacy processes at different ages and educational levels requires the study of their literacy practices, not only within the school or academic setting, but also in a variety of spaces, such as the home, the neighbourhood, the community centre, the digital world, etc. Previous research in the field has usually focused on the formal training of literacy skills (mainly restricted to reading and writing) in the school setting. More recent research, however, has focused on the social role of literacy in other contexts, and the way literacy development interacts with other learning experiences throughout people's lives.

The *First International Conference: Literacy as Social Practice* intends to bring together studies that, from an ethnographic perspective, explore the complex albeit fascinating relations between people's literacy practices in different contexts. In order to do so, we invite scholars and researchers in the field to describe, analyse, discuss and share their views on the social import of literacy, its role in identity construction and the conflicts generated in the complex literacy processes that take place nowadays.

Important dates

1. Abstract submission deadline: 15/04/2019
2. Notification date: 30/04/2019
3. Early-bird registration: 01/04/2019 to 15/05/2019
4. Ordinary registration: 16/05/2019 to 31/05/2019
5. Conference dates: 11 and 12 of June, 2019.

Guidelines for abstract submission

Abstracts must be submitted to the following email address: aperturaconference2019@gmail.com. Abstracts must include:

- Name of the author(s).
- Paper title.
- Paper abstract (no more than 300 words and IMRD structure).

Papers must be 30 minutes long (15 minutes for paper presentation and 15 minutes for Q&A).

Registration dates and fee

	Early bird dates	Early bird fee	Late bird dates	Late bird fee
Presenter	01/04/2019 to 15/05/2019	50€	16/05/2019 to 31/05/2019	60€
Participant	01/04/2019 to 15/05/2019	20€	16/05/2019 to 31/05/2019	30€

Payment must be made using the following [link](#).

All presenters must pay the registration fee. The registration fee includes all the conference materials, attendance and presentation certificate, and refreshments during conference breaks.

Conference venue

The opening session of the *First International Conference: Literacy as Social Practice* will take place in the Assembly Hall of the University of Seville (<https://institucional.us.es/vrelinstitu/paraninfo>). The other sessions will take place in the Faculty of Education of the University of Seville (<https://fcce.us.es/galeria-facultad>).

Accommodation

Discounted rate accommodation is available for Conference participants and presenters. Please check the following [link](#).

Travelling to Seville

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