Conference Programme

Monday 7 December 2026 **Venue: Alan MacDiarmid (AM) and Te Toki a Rata (TTR) Buildings, Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington, Kelburn Parade**	
Time	**Activity**
08:15-08:45	**Registration** ***AM Foyer***
08:45-09:00	***TTR LT1*** **Welcome and opening** Sasha Calhoun (Conference Convenor) TBC
09:00-10:00	***AM101*** **Plenary 1** **Age Is More Than Time: Sound Change at the Edges of the Lifespan** Lynn Clark, Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha - University of Canterbury *Chair: TBC*
10:00-10:30	**Morning tea** ***AM Foyer***

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10:30-12:30 **Concurrent sessions**

	AM101	*AM102*	*AM103*
	Austronesian syntax Chair: TBC	**Māori lexicon** Chair: TBC	**NZE vowels** Chair: TBC
10:30-11:00	**Tracing the pasts of passives: Five sources of detransitive constructions in Western Austronesian** Victoria Chen, Christina Truong, Bradly McDonnell, Nathan Adamson, & Hannah Woodfield	**A dictionary of the function words of Māori 'Avaiki Nui and some ongoing orthographic tensions in "paradise"** Ake Nicholas, Rolando Coto Solano, Jean Tekura Mason, Gwendolyn Tait, Violet King, Quartz Colvin, Freya Scott, & Peter Nicholas	**Untangling aging voices and sound change in the Auckland Voices corpus** Brooke Ross, Catherine Watson, Elaine Ballard, & Miriam Meyerhoff
11:00-11:30	**Coding transitivity in the languages of Atchin Island and Tepërav (Espiegle Bay)** Julie Barbour, Kanauhea Wessels, & Gayleen Tarosa	**Te Whakakuputanga: 'Becoming Words', Patterns of Lexical Innovation in Te Reo Māori** Tāne Karamaina	**Consistency and variability in vowel space area across spontaneous and read New Zealand English speech** Elena Sheard, Lynn Clark, & Megan McAuliffe
11:30-12:00	**Multifaceted TAM marking in Central Palawano** Hannah Woodfield	**Towards a more extensive lexicon of te reo Māori linguistic terminology** Peter J Keegan	**Automatic vowel target detection for New Zealand English** Junghen Chen, Brooke Ross, Isabella Shields, & Catherine I. Watson
12:00-12:30	**Contrastive Focus on Adjectives in Bahasa Indonesia: A Syntactic and Phonological Investigation** Uswatun Khasanah & Sasha Calhoun	**Waikato Picture (WaiPic) Database: Norming a set of pictures for New Zealand English** Andreea S. Calude, Serrano Lorenz, Laura Rosseel, Hēmi Whaanga, & Steven Verheyen	**Phonetic and Phonological Sound Change in New Zealand English Pre-/l/ Vowels** Allie Osborne

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12:30-14:00	**Lunch**		
12:50-13:50	**Linguistic Society of New Zealand AGM** ***AM103 (or https://vuw.zoom.us/j/98414016546)***		
14:00-15:30	**Concurrent sessions**		
	AM101	***AM102***	***AM103***
	Language evolution Chair: TBC	**Workplace and multilingualism** Chair: TBC	**Language learning** Chair: TBC
14:00-14:30	**New data reveals even higher linguistic diversity on Santo Island (Vanuatu)** Tihomir Rangelov	**30 Years of Researching Language in the Workplace** Bernadette Vine, Janet Holmes, & Meredith Marra	**Language learning through a "learning-by-doing" Pacific pedagogy** Melenaite Taumoefolau & Lin Fu
14:30-15:00	**How far apart are the grammars of Austronesian languages? Quantifying grammatical distance to trace evolutionary trajectories** Victoria Chen, Hannah Woodfield, Nathan Adamson, Christina Truong, Bradley McDonnell, & Ivan Bondoc	**Managing rapport through complaint stories: Co-complaining among workers in Australian multicultural workplaces** Fitri Amalia Shintasiwi (Remote)	**Affects of social anxiety and social motivation on autistic and neurotypical adults language learning** Ash Palin, Heeju Hwang, Jennifer Hay, Jayne Newbury, Dean Sutherland, Joshua Wilson Black, Allie Osborne, Rachel McIntosh, & Emma Jackson
15:00-15:30	**Filling the gaps: validating phylogenetic imputation of missing data in a global grammar database** Ian Connolly	**Speaking, Remembering, Belonging: Cantonese Language Practices and Identity in Aotearoa New Zealand** Elaine Ballard, Hilário de Sousa, & Sidney Wong, Marie-France Duhamel	**The earliest stages of adult incidental grammar learning: testing non-Māori speakers implicit knowledge of Māori grammar** Wakayo Mattingley, Gia Hurring, Jeanette King, Jen Hay, Simon Todd, & Forrest Panther

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15:30-16:00	**Afternoon tea** ***AM Foyer***		
16:00-17:30	**Concurrent sessions**		
	AM101	***AM102***	***AM103***
	Austronesian phonology Chair: TBC	**Language and gender** Chair: TBC	**Prosody** Chair: TBC
16:00-16:30	**Near and far: The phonotactics of vowel combinations in Paicî (New Caledonia)** Ian Flaws	**Changing gender, changing methodologies: traditional variationist and collaborative trans linguistics** Kaspar Middendorf & Jacq Jones	**Duration and F0 in Thai prominence marking: Different cues, different constraints** Prapatsorn Tiratanti, Sasha Calhoun, & Stephen Skalicky
16:30-17:00	**Consonant mutation in Emplawas** Owen Edwards	**"They Represent Everything That I Don't Like About Cricket": Examining Gender Identity Construction in a New Zealand Cricket Organisation** Stephanie Foxton	**Variation and change in the cues and distribution of stress in te reo Māori: Preliminary findings** Kirsten Culhane, & Forrest Panther
17:00-17:30	**Metathesis in Austronesian** Craig Stansfield	**Humour and microaggression in workplace interaction** Bernadette Vine & Janet Holmes	**Eyetracking and Implicit Prosody: Individual Differences and Uncertainty** Joy Mills & Sasha Calhoun
18:30-late	**Conference dinner: Waitoa, 175 Victoria Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011 (see Bespoke map of Wellington)**		

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Time	Activity
08:30-09.00	**Registration** ***AM Foyer*** Poster presenters can hang their posters in AM101/AM Foyer.
09:00-10:00	***TTR LT1*** **Plenary 2** **Nō ngā hapori ngā mātauranga: Whakahokia te rangahau ki ngā hapori.** **Acknowledging our research responsibilities to our language communities** Awanui Te Huia (Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāi Tūhoe), Te Wānanga o Aotearoa & Te Herenga Waka *Chair: TBC*
10:00-10:20	**Morning tea** ***AM Foyer***
10:20-12:20	***AM101 & AM Foyer*** **Poster session*** 10:20-11:20 Odd numbered posters present 11:20-12:20 Even numbered posters present

***Details of poster sessions please see next two pages.**

10:20-11:20 **Poster session - Odd numbered posters** (poster numbers TBC) ***AM101 & AM Foyer***

General linguistics

Speech Production in Cantonese-Speaking Autistic and Typically Developing Children
Man-Ching Yau, Heeju Hwang, Jennifer Hay, & Robert Fromont

An exploration of the toki pona vowel space
Marko Balvan, Eliza McIntosh, Carey Jones, Vibby Kwan, Jennifer Hay, Robert Fromont, Robert Haywood, Allie Osborne, & Heeju Hwang

Does gender affect the perception of pitch cues for focus?
Sam Loomis & Sasha Calhoun

Using Social Markers to Aid Perceptual Learning for Understanding Dysarthric Speech
Sara Gilbert

Revisiting Tense/Aspect/Mood in te Reo Māori: A historical-comparative approach
Theodore Baker-Jones & India Isis Frith

Phrase versus subpart frequency effects in production of multi-word expressions
Yi Qi & Anna Siyanova-Chanturia

Do you show disinterest in prescriptions?
Laurie Bauer

Sociolinguistics/discourse analysis

Conceptualising Antarctica around 1900: A Kiwi's perspective of ice and snow
Dania Jovanna Bonness

Examining emerging politeness perceptions over a conversation
Hunter Hatfield & W. M. Saman Wanasinghe

Analyzing Social Interactions and Needs: A Case Study on the Emergence of Pidgin Arabic in the Gulf Countries with a Focus on the UAE
Mohamed Abdelsalam Osman Mohamed Ahmed

Rhetorical Moves and Linguistic Strategies in New Zealand CEO Sustainability Letters: A Genre-Based Approach
Pakkawan Udomphol

The Bleak Future of Indonesian Indigenous Languages in the Digital Era Among Millennial Generation
Slamet Setiawan, Widyastuti, Muhammad A. Syahsurya, & Azmi Bin Abdul Latif

Second language learning

Vowel Substitution and the Minimal-Pair Criterion of Intelligibility: Evidence from Educated Adult Zanzibari Speakers of English
Saji Krishna Pillai

A Corpus-Based Study of Dental Fricative Substitution in Southern Vietnamese English
Thu Huynh and Hunter Hatfield

Beyond Static: Dynamic Patterns and Attractor States of Anxiety, Enjoyment, and Willingness to Communicate During L2 Speaking - An Idiodynamic Investigation
W. M. Saman Wanasinghe & Hunter Hatfield

Menu Processing: The role of lexical familiarity and cultural schema
Weijing Su & Norbert Vanek

Breaking the Template: A Constraint-Based Approach to Creativity in Business English
Xiaochun Li

Occupational Mandarin Practices and Language Socialisation: A Qualitative Case Study of a Cantonese Heritage Speaker in Lion Dance Cultural Contexts in Aotearoa
Yuancai Wei

11:20-12:20 **Poster session- Even numbered posters present** (poster numbers TBC**)** ***AM101 & AM Foyer***

General linguistics

Total evidence in language phylogenies
Isaac Stead, Pittayawat Pittayaporn, Uracha Tatiyanunt, & Russell Gray

50 years of change in Atara Imere, a Vanuatu Polynesian Outlier
Catriona Malau, & Ross Clark

Resumptive pronoun or not: A case in Xiaoshan, Wu
Chenjie Ye

First language and the tactile grounding of mimetic words
Chika Okada & Norbert Vanek

Three-way rounding contrast in Norwegian vowels
Donal Derrick & Sverre Stausland

Emergent morphological structure in Japanese loanword accentuation: A corpus study
Hironori Katsuda

Colour Category Terms in Oceanic Languages
Karyn Henson

Sociolinguistics/discourse analysis

Two Grammars, Two Stories, One Narrative: Individual Differences in Hungarian-Hebrew Bilingual Childrens Narratives
Orsolya Bilgory-Fazakas & Sharon Armon-Lotem

Defining and Operationalising an Elusive Corpus Domain: Setting the Boundaries and Developing a Sampling Plan and Validation Scheme for Everyday Conversation
Akihiro Kotoh

Can Multimodal LLMs Understand Multimodal Humour in Reality? A Linguistically Grounded Evaluation of AI Humour Comprehension in Linguistic Landscape Interpretation Tasks
Anthear Song

The Pragmatics of Sovereignty: A Comparative Discourse Analysis of Liberation and Statehood in the Speeches of Yasser Arafat and Nelson Mandela
Bahjat Ahmed

Trust, Persuasion, and Ethos Built Online: Why Are People Finding Doctors on Facebook?
Gilbert Levack

Second language learning

A Conceptual Replication of the Swedish SignRepL2 in New Zealand Sign Language
Andrew Townshend

"It Sounds Like ChatGPT": Linguistic Cues in Learners' Identification of ChatGPT-generated and Teacher-provided Written Corrective Feedback
Mengxuan Zhang

How to accurately guess your reo level
Michael W. Taiapa

It surprised me that we finished it at all: Dual Constraints and Divergent Language Choice in L2 Creative Writing
Michelle Li

When Definite Mass Nominals Remain Bare: Countability, Definiteness, and Feature Reassembly in L2 English
Mutsumi Ogawa, Chise Kasai, Neal Snape, Kanae Ogasawara, Eri Nakagawa, Norihiro Sadato, Mayo Hiura, & Takahiko Koike

Second language vocabulary learning through gameplay of a graded digital roleplaying game
Paul T. Johnson

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12:20-13:20	**Lunch**		
13:20-14:50	**Concurrent sessions**		
	AM101 **Iconicity** Chair: TBC	**AM102** **Te reo Māori linguistics** Chair: TBC	**AM103** **Social meaning and ideologies** Chair: TBC
13:20-13:50	**Language as a sensory filter: Five modality-specific tests from the Sensory Psycholinguistics Lab in Auckland** Norbert Vanek	**Whats the difference between ā, aa, and a?** Exploring covarying acoustics cues and their role in Māori vowel length Gia Hurring, Kirsten Culhane, Jennifer Hay, & Simon Todd	**The trouble with place: Exploring social meanings in the Quake Box corpus** Meredith Marra, Robert Fromont, Marlee Rosoff, & Natalie Looyer
13:50-14:20	**Affective beliefs shift iconic pitch associations** Sasha Calhoun, Paul Warren, & Sara Gilbert	**True Allomorphy in Māori: Against a Phonological Analysis of the Māori Passive** Theodore Baker-Jones	**Adapting Whisper for sociophonetic transcription of New Zealand English** Robert Fromont, Michael Coe, & Elena Sheard
14:20-14:50	**Thickness, height and sharpness: Crosslinguistic evidence for weak linguistic relativity in musical pitch metaphors** Sorour Zekrati & Norbert Vanek	**The colour of change: A cross-generational study of te reo Māori** Neil Dodgson, Victoria Chen, Tia Neha, Merekara Below, Kirimātao Paipa, & Maira Pihema	**Changing Language Ideologies in Aotearoa: representations of te reo Māori in the language of picturebooks** Nicola Daly, Julie Barbour, Pania Tahau-Hodges, Eboni Waitere

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14:50-15:15	**Afternoon tea *AM Foyer***		
15:15-16:45	**Concurrent sessions**		
	AM101 **Language contact and change** Chair: TBC	**AM102** **Automatic categorisation** Chair: TBC	**AM103** **Perception and processing** Chair: TBC
15:15-15:45	**What defines Proto-Malayo-Polynesian?: Rethinking the ancestral language of Māori and most Austronesian languages** Craig Stansfield & Victoria Chen	**He aha ngā kete kare-ā-roto Māori: How do Māori speakers categorise emotions** Himashi Rathnayake, Jesin James, Ake Nicholas, Gianna Leoni, Catherine Watson, & Peter Keegan	**Bidirectional Asymmetry in Vowel Perception Between Yanbian Korean and the Seoul Dialect Speakers** Qin Xu
15:45-16:15	**A longitudinal study of Bislama borrowings in Vatlongos speech** Eleanor Ridge	**More talk, weaker signal: dialogue density limits how closely automatic sentiment tracks human emotion ratings** Le Thi Thach Thao	**The Effects of Adjacency and Collocation Status on Phrasal Processing: An ERP Study** Zixing Fan, Anna Siyanova-Chanturia, & Gina Grimshaw
16:15-16:45	**Evolving Adaptation Strategies of Consonant clusters in English Loanwords in Bahasa Indonesia** Izza Armand	**Quantifying Accent Adaptation in Text-to-Speech Systems: A Vowel Space Perspective** Pasindu Udawatta, Jesin James, Ake Nicholas, B. T. Balamurali, & Catherine I. Watson	**The lexical representation of English noun/verb homophones: A long-lag priming study** Hironori Katsuda, Jennifer Hay, Heeju Hwang, & Forrest Panther

Wednesday 9 December 2026

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Time	Activity
09:00-10:30	**Workshop** ***AM103*** **Open Scholarship from the Start: Building Transparency into Your Research** Amanda Huensch, University of Pittsburgh
10:30-11:00	**Morning tea** ***AM Foyer***
11:00-12:30	**Workshop (cont.)** ***AM103*** **Open Scholarship from the Start: Building Transparency into Your Research** Amanda Huensch, University of Pittsburgh
12:30-14:30	**Postgraduate Students/Early Career Researchers Lunch event** ***Hunter Lounge***