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International TESOL Conference 2027 Madrid
Call for Abstract Submissions

International TESOL Union (ITU) and Saint Louis University – Madrid Campus are pleased to announce that the 2027 International TESOL Union Conference on *Teaching with Meaning* will be held on **July 22-23** in Madrid, Spain.



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Conference Theme: Teaching with Meaning

In an era marked by rapid technological change, AI, linguistic diversity, and diverse intercultural contexts, TESOL professionals are being asked to reconsider what it means to teach, and to do so meaningfully. The *Teaching with Meaning* conference addresses questions of purpose, process, and human engagement in English language education. Rather than focusing solely on outcomes or products, the theme invites us to reflect on how meaning is constructed through pedagogy, interaction, identity, and communication. The conference will create conversations around how teachers can create meaningful learning experiences, reassess their professional roles, and prepare learners to use English authentically and ethically in diverse real-world contexts. By centering meaning as both a pedagogical goal and an integral part of our day-to-day teaching, the conference encourages dialogue across theory, research, and classroom practice.

Conference Strands

The conference welcomes contributions from researchers, teacher-educators, and practitioners that engage critically and creatively with the theme of *Teaching with Meaning*, including empirical research, theoretical perspectives, classroom-based studies, and reflective practice.

1. **Language, Content, and Meaningful Learning**
   CLIL and content-based approaches; integrating language and content; disciplinary meaning-making; subject literacies; language development through content learning.
2. **Developing Teachers for Meaningful Language Education**
   Teacher education and professional learning; teacher language awareness; preparing teachers for bilingual and multilingual education; teacher agency; teacher–researcher collaboration.
3. **Translanguaging, Multilingualism, and Meaning-Making**
   Translanguaging as pedagogy; multilingual repertoires; language practices and identity; multilingual and multimodal meaning-making; challenging monolingual assumptions.
4. **Language and Communication: From Form to Meaning**
   Grammar, vocabulary, and pragmatics in use; connecting form, function, meaning, and context; language development through interaction; communicative effectiveness; linguistic variation.
5. **Meaningful Teaching and Learning in the Age of AI**
   AI as a pedagogical tool; human agency and creativity; originality, authorship, and assessment; AI-mediated interaction; teacher identity and professional judgment.
6. **Learning, Assessment, and the Processes of Meaning-Making**
   Learning processes and reflection; formative assessment and feedback; task and activity design; assessment for learning; balancing institutional demands with pedagogical values.
7. **English in the World: Communication Beyond Native-Speaker Norms**
   English as a Lingua Franca (ELF); intelligibility and interactional competence; global Englishes; communicating across linguistic boundaries; pedagogical implications of global English use.
8. **Culture, Identity, and Intercultural Meaning-Making**
   Culture as dynamic and negotiated; intercultural communication; cultural perspectives and identities; negotiating meaning across cultures; ethical engagement across difference.

Submission Categories and Guidelines

ITU 2027 features two categories:

1. **Paper Presentations**
   - Format: 25-minute presentation, inclusive of Q&A
   - Focus: Empirical research, conceptual/theoretical analyses, or reflective practice grounded in evidence
   - Abstract length: 250–300 words
   - What to include in the abstract: Title; author names and affiliations; email contacts; purpose and relevance; context and participants (if applicable); methodology or approach; key findings or arguments; implications for TESOL research or practice
2. **Symposia/Panels**
   - Format: 55-minute session consisting of 3–4 panelists
   - Focus: A coherent theme explored from multiple perspectives (e.g., research, pedagogy, policy)
   - Abstract length: Symposium overview: 250–300 words; individual presentation summaries: 150–200 words each
   - What to include in the abstract: Overall rationale and thematic coherence; brief description of each contribution; role of the discussant; planned interaction format

Abstract Submissions

1. Visit the ITU website at www.tesolunion.org and register for an account by clicking the "Sign In" button in the top right corner of the website. If you already have an account, simply sign in.
2. In your personal account, click "Submit an Article" and fill in the required fields with your presentation title, abstract, and keywords.
3. Important: Under "Submission Category," select "Special Issues" from the first drop-down list, then select "ITU 2027 Madrid Abstract Submission" from the second drop-down list. Failure to do so may result in processing delays or misdirection of your submission.
4. Suggesting reviewers is not required for this task. However, to complete the required "Recommended Reviewers" section, simply enter your own information or suggest a colleague you think would be suitable for this submission.
5. Attach your complete abstract (including the title, author information, abstract, and keywords). Please note that the standard requirement for a "Full Anonymous Manuscript" (with all author-identifying information removed) does not apply to conference abstract submissions. You should include all author information in the attached document.
6. Be sure to include your Short Bio.

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline: March 31, 2027
Notification of abstract acceptance: April 5, 2027
Early bird registration deadline: April 15, 2027

Registration and Fees (include lunches and teas on both days)

- Early-bird fee (up to and including April 15, 2027): EUR270/ USD300/GBP230/RMB 2,100
- Regular fee (from April 16, 2027): EUR300/USD340/GBP250/RMB 2,400

To register for the conference, please refer to the payment methods on pages 5-7 below.

Publication Opportunities

The registration fee covers full publication opportunities for all attendees, with no additional charges.

- First, all accepted abstracts will be included in the Book of Abstracts of the International TESOL Union Conference 2027 (with ISBN), published by the International TESOL Union.
- Second, full papers submitted after the conference will, following peer review and revisions, be included in one of the following publications:
    - International Journal of TESOL Studies (ESCI, Scopus-indexed, conference special issue)
    - TESOL Communications (conference special issue)
    - Edited conference volumes (with ISBNs)

Logistical Information

Please refer to pages 8–10 for Madrid city travel and hotel information, and pages 11–12 for visa requirements.

Contacts

All questions about submissions, registrations, and other conference-related issues should be emailed to Kevin Liu (International TESOL Union) at info@tesolunion.org, or to Anne McCabe (Saint Louis University – Madrid Campus) at anne.mccabe@slu.edu.

Stay tuned by visiting our websites and following us on social media:

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Payment Methods for Registration Fee

Thank you for registering for the ITU Conference 2027 Madrid, which will be held on 22–23 July 2027 at the Saint Louis University-Madrid Campus, Spain. Please see the payment information on pages 5-7 below.

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Important Notes

- The fees listed are the net amounts we must receive. You are responsible for any bank or payment service charges (e.g., transfer fees, intermediary bank fees, currency conversion fees).
- Please include your full name in the payment reference/remarks.
- After making payment, please email your payment confirmation (e.g., receipt or screenshot) to **info@tesolunion.org** so we can verify your payment promptly.

Refund Policy

- Fees are not refundable.

If you have questions about registration, please contact us at info@tesolunion.org.

Payment Methods

1) Wire Transfer (EUR/USD/GBP)

Account Name: International TESOL Union (Ji Ang) Educational Technology, Co., Ltd
Account Number: 50131000743066167
Bank Name: Shanghai Rural Commercial Bank Co., Ltd
Bank Address: 70 East Zhongshan No. 2 Road, Huangpu District, Shanghai, P.R. China
SWIFT: SHRCCNSH

2) Alipay (RMB only)

If you already have Alipay installed, please scan the QR code below to proceed with the payment. If you haven't installed it yet, please search for "Alipay" in your mobile phone's app store, install the app, scan the QR code below, and complete the payment using a card linked to your account. **Alipay accepts both credit and debit cards**. Please note that the payment amount is specified in RMB. Your bank will debit your account in your local currency based on the applicable exchange rate and any associated fees.

3) PayPal (ERU/USD/GBP)

We have created payment links in USD, EUR, and GBP for both early bird and regular registrations. Please select the link that applies to you. **You can complete the payment using your credit or debit card.** If you already have a PayPal account, simply log in as usual. If you do not have a PayPal account, you can still proceed directly with your card through the link without needing to create one.

Please note that the total amount includes the standard registration fee as well as the bank processing fee.

USD Early Bird Payment Link https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/Q4CXWT8QMP7EA
USD Early Bird Payment QR Code

ITU 2027 Registration USD
Early Bird

EUR Early Bird Payment Link
https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/FPTZCN2R6KAC2
EUR Early Bird Payment QR Code

ITU 2027 Registration EUR
Early Bird

GBP Early Bird Payment Link
https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/RW4HZAW5GW8PA
GBP Early Bird Payment QR Code

ITU 2027 Registration GBP
Early Bird

USD Regular Payment Link
https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/BB8EB89474ST4

EUR Regular Payment Link
https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/E2NJ3HZHQ2YQ4

GBP Regular Payment Link
https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/GZ8GXEDGMJLC2

Practical Information for Your Visit to Madrid

We look forward to welcoming you to Madrid and to Saint Louis University for the conference. To help you plan your visit, we have put together some practical information about travelling to Madrid, getting around the city and finding accommodation near the university.

Madrid has an extensive and efficient public transport network, making it relatively easy to reach the university and explore the city. The suggestions below are intended to help you make arrangements for your stay, although there are, of course, many other accommodation options available.

Arriving in Madrid

Madrid is served by Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas International Airport (MAD), located approximately 12 km from the city centre. There are several convenient ways to travel from the airport to your accommodation:

- Metro: Line 8 connects the airport terminals (T1–T2–T3 and T4) with Nuevos Ministerios, where you can connect with other metro lines. The journey takes approximately 15–20 minutes to Nuevos Ministerios. An airport supplement applies in addition to the standard metro fare.
- Airport Express Bus: The 203 Airport Express bus operates 24 hours a day, connecting the airport with central Madrid. The fare is currently €5.
- Taxi: Official taxis are available outside the arrivals areas of all terminals. There is a fixed fare of €33 for journeys between the airport and destinations within the M-30 ring road.

For further information about airport transport, visit the Aena Madrid Airport website.

Accommodation

The following hotels are located within reasonable distance of the university. We have included approximate walking and public transport times, as well as indicative prices for a one-night stay. Prices may vary depending on the dates and availability.

Hotel	Address	Distance from SLU	1 night
AC Hotel Los Vascos by Marriott	Calle Los Vascos, 27, 28040 Madrid Metro: Guzman el Bueno	10 mins walking 10 public transport	262-480 €
VP Jardín Metropolitano	Avenida de la Reina Victoria, 12 28003 Madrid Metro: Cuatro Caminos Bus: C1, F or 45	15 mins walking 10 public transport	155-314 €
EXE Moncloa	Calle Arcipreste de Hita, 10 28015 Madrid Metro: Moncloa Bus: 44 or C2	19 mins walking 12 public transport	116-203 €
Marriott Madrid Princesa	Calle de la Princesa, 40 28008 Madrid Metro: Argüelles Bus: 44, C2 or 2	25 mins walking 22 public transport	229-674 €

Hotel	Address	Distance from SLU	1 night
Hotel Indigo Madrid - Princesa by IHG	Calle del Marqués de Urquijo, 4 28008 Madrid Metro: Argüelles Bus: 44, C2 or 2	26 mins walking 18 public transport	121-199 €
Muralto Madrid Princesa	Calle del Buen Suceso, 3, 28008 Madrid Metro: Argüelles Bus: 44, C2 or 2	26 mins walking 18 public transport	139-195 €
Leonardo Boutique Hotel Madrid	Calle de Vallehermoso, 65 28015 Madrid Metro: Canal	19 mins walking 22 public transport	203 €
Sercotel Conde Duque	Pza Conde del Valle de Súchil, 5 28015 Madrid Metro: San Bernardo	31 mins walking 17 public transport	73-91 €
Leonardo Hotel Madrid City Center	Alberto Aguilera, 18, 28015 Madrid Metro: San Bernardo	31 mins walking 22 public transport	213-284 €
NH Collection Madrid Abascal	José Abascal, 47, 28003 Madrid Metro: Alonso Cano	33 mins walking 27 public transport	128-188 €
NH Madrid Zurbano	Zurbano, 79-81, Madrid 28003 Metro: Gregorio Marañon	36 mins walking 20 public transport	116-172 €
Riu Plaza España	Calle Gran Vía, 84, Madrid 28013 Metro: Plaza España Bus: 44 or C2	38 mins walking 22 public transport	168-265 €

There is also a wide range of hostels (hostales), pensions (pensiones) and tourist apartments (apartamentos turísticos) available. We recommend Booking.com as a useful platform for finding accommodation.

If your apartment or pension does not include breakfast, you will never have to walk far to find a café. A coffee, fresh juice and toast may cost anywhere between €4 and €9. Tipping is not required in Madrid, although it is customary to leave some small change when paying in cash.

The university is a five-minute walk from the Guzmán el Bueno metro station (Lines 6 and 7). This offers considerable flexibility when choosing accommodation: as long as your hotel or apartment is close to a metro station, you should be able to reach the campus relatively easily. Some visitors may also prefer to stay in the historic centre of Madrid.

Public Transport

The Madrid metro and bus networks are safe, efficient and relatively inexpensive. The campus is a five-minute walk from Guzmán el Bueno metro station (Lines 6 and 7). The following bus lines also stop within a five-minute walk of the campus: 2, 45, 44, C1, C2 and F.

Taxis and Uber are also readily available throughout the city and offer a convenient way to get around.

A ten-trip public transport ticket is another economical option for visitors planning to use the metro and buses during their stay. An additional airport supplement applies when travelling to or from the airport by metro.

For further information about public transport, including routes, fares and journey planning, visit Madrid's public transport website.

A Little About Madrid

Madrid is a welcoming and relatively easy city to get around, with an extensive public transport network and plenty to see and do. The university is located in the Chamberí district, a pleasant residential area in the north-west of the city, and is well connected to the historic centre.
Visitors may wish to take advantage of their stay to explore Madrid's historic neighbourhoods, museums, parks, restaurants and cafés. For information about sightseeing, cultural attractions and things to do in the city, visit the Official Madrid Tourism Website.

Visa and Travel Information for Conference Participants

This document provides general guidance for participants travelling to Madrid for the conference. Visa and entry requirements depend on your nationality, country of residence, travel document and itinerary. Requirements may change, so please check the latest information from the Spanish consulate responsible for your country of legal residence before making travel arrangements. The Organizing Committee cannot submit visa applications on participants' behalf, intervene in consular decisions or guarantee that a visa will be granted.

Do you need a Schengen visa?

Participants travelling to Spain for the conference may need a Schengen short-stay visa (Type C, up to 90 day stays for business, tourism, etc.), depending primarily on their nationality. See Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 (on page L 303/51 of the document) which lists the countries for which a visa is required; check to see if your country is on the list.

Where should you apply?

If Spain is your sole destination, or the country in which you will spend the longest part of your trip, you should apply through the Spanish consulate responsible for your country or place of legal residence. If you intend to visit several Schengen countries and will spend an equal amount of time in each, you should generally apply through the consulate of the country whose external border you will cross first.

Applications are submitted either directly to the relevant consulate or through an external visa application centre designated by the consulate. The arrangements vary by country. Please check the instructions of the Spanish consulate responsible for country of legal residence, rather than assuming that a particular application centre is available.

Useful links:

- Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs: list of consulates and embassies
- BLS International – Spain visa application centres (where designated by the Spanish consulate)

When should you apply?

A Schengen visa application can normally be submitted up to six months before the intended date of travel and should be submitted no later than 15 calendar days before departure. The normal processing time is 15 calendar days, although this may be extended to as many as 45 calendar days in certain cases. Appointment availability and the time needed to gather documents may add to the overall process. **For the conference beginning on 22 July 2027, the six-month application window opens on 22 January 2027**.

What documents are commonly required?

The documents and supporting evidence required for a Schengen visa application vary according to the applicant's circumstances and the consulate handling the application. Please consult the website of the Spanish consulate responsible for your country of legal residence for the current application requirements and any country-specific instructions. The Organizing Committee recommends checking these requirements carefully and allowing sufficient time to obtain any necessary documentation before submitting your application.

Participants who require an individual invitation letter to support a visa application may request one from the Organizing Committee **after completing their conference registration**.
Please contact: anne.mccabe@slu.edu

When making your request, please provide:

- Your full name, as it should appear on the letter
- Your institutional affiliation, if applicable
- The title of your accepted presentation
  Any specific additional information that the consulate requires the invitation letter to include.

An invitation letter is supporting documentation only, and will only be issued upon confirmation of payment of the conference registration fee. The letter does not guarantee that a visa will be granted; this decision rests entirely with the competent consular authorities.

Important note: This document is intended as general practical guidance for conference participants. It does not constitute legal or immigration advice. Visa and entry requirements are determined by the competent authorities and may change. The instructions issued by the relevant Spanish consulate take precedence over the general information provided here.