



**The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on  
English, Discourse and Intercultural Communication**  
**Part I (Macao): June 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**Part II (Urumqi): June 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013**



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## **Call for Papers**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on English, Discourse and Intercultural Communication** will be held in Macao (Part I – June 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013) and Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, China (Part II – June 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013). The conference is co-organised by Macao Polytechnic Institute and the Education Bureau of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and Xinjiang Normal University (XJNU). The conference will consist of

- A. Keynote Speeches
- B. Plenary Presentations by Invited Speakers
- C. Parallel Paper Sessions
- D. Panel/Roundtable Discussions
- E. Workshops
- F. Poster Sessions

Abstracts of papers and abstracts of proposals for panel, poster and workshop sessions (between 250 - 300 words in English, together with a brief narrative bio-note in English (about 80 words), and contact information) are hereby warmly invited. Please indicate whether you would like to attend Part I or Part II, or both. The **deadline** for submitting abstracts/ proposals to **Part I (Macao)** is **March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Monday)**. The **deadline** for submitting abstracts/ proposals to **Part II (Urumqi)** is **March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Monday)**.

Under the conference theme of English, Discourse and Intercultural Communication, the conference topics include, but are not restricted to, the following overlapping interdisciplinary categories:

### **A. English:**

1. ELT (English Language Teaching) in the global/ local context;
2. Defining and redefining International English;
3. Communicative language teaching (CLT) and cross-cultural pragmatic competence;
4. Second language acquisition, bilingual and multilingual acquisition;
5. English and language universals/typology;
6. Revisiting humanistic and other “traditional” approaches in the ELT/ESP classroom;
7. Creative writing in English in the global/ local context;
8. Language and gender studies.



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### **B. Discourse:**

1. Film and media studies in the global/ local context;
2. New social, cultural and critical discourses in English language education;
3. New approaches to reading and teaching literatures in English;
4. Pragmatics and discourse analysis;
5. Gender, ethnicity and discourse studies

### **C. Intercultural Communication:**

1. Linguistic and cultural diversity in Greater China;
2. Translation/interpretation studies and comparative cultural studies;
3. Intercultural dialogues and critiques in language and communication studies;
4. English as a global lingua franca and the future of Chinese and other non-western languages and traditions, including endangered and minority languages;
5. The impact of new media technologies on intercultural communication.
6. Gender and cross-cultural communication studies.

All submissions will be carefully reviewed before final invitation letters are sent to participants whose abstracts have been accepted by the Conference Academic Review Panel. For **Part I** of the conference **in Macao**, the conference registration fee, food and accommodation will be covered for those participants whose abstracts/proposals have been accepted. In case of co-authorship, this applies to the first author. The conference registration fee for **Part II in Urumqi** is 960 RMB (480 RMB for student participants in China).

#### **Please email your submission to:**

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Organising Committee at XJNU: [icedic2013@163.com](mailto:icedic2013@163.com) (Part II in Urumqi)