



**Association for Language Awareness (ALA)  
9<sup>th</sup> International Conference 2008**

**‘Engaging with language’**

**Date: 26-29 June 2008**

**Venue: The University of Hong Kong**

**Main objectives:**

One theme that unites all those involved with language awareness, as researchers and/or practitioners, is engagement with language. The 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Association for Language Awareness aims to bring together researchers and practitioners to discuss and share research, theory and best practice relating to different aspects of engaging with language. The Conference will address language awareness in the learning and teaching of languages; in literature; and in broader educational, social, professional, and cultural dimensions. A particular aim of the 2008 ALA Conference is to promote language awareness research and practice within the region.

**Main Areas:**

- Language Awareness in language learning
- Language Awareness in language teaching
- Language Awareness and language use
- Critical Language Awareness
- Language Awareness in the workplace
- Language Awareness and multilingualism

**Call for papers:**

We welcome abstracts for paper presentations, colloquia and posters discussing research in relation to any areas that fit within the theme of the Conference: ‘Engaging with language’. We also welcome proposals for workshops, sharing good practices related to the conference theme.

**Deadline for receipt of abstracts: 30 November 2007**

**Language of the abstract: English/Chinese**

**Language of paper/poster presentation: English, Cantonese or Putonghua**

**For more information, please visit the Conference website: <http://www.hku.hk/clear/ala>**

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