

Subject: Register now for the 2025 ALTAANZ conference – draft program now available

Dear colleagues,

We encourage you to register for this year's conference of the Association for Language Testing and Assessment in Australia and New Zealand (ALTAANZ), which will be held fully online from 11-13 November 2025. Our presenters are from all over the world and therefore there are sessions scheduled at a time convenient to everyone. The draft program can be found here: <https://www.altaanz.org/altaanz-online-conference-2025.html>

On all three conference days we have blocks of sessions that are suitable for audiences in Europe, the Americas and the Middle East. Many sessions are scheduled during working hours in Australia/New Zealand time zones; these are also suitable for audiences in most countries in Asia. You can check which sessions are suitable for your time zone using: <https://www.worldtimebuddy.com/> (make sure you set the date the conference dates as it will account for changes in daylight savings). Registration costs are very reasonable.

The theme of this year's conference is *Balancing innovation and tradition in language assessment*.

We are delighted to announce two keynote addresses:

- The Tim McNamara Lecture will be delivered by Dr Xiaoming Xi (Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority) on the topic: *Reimagining what we measure: How AI is challenging the tradition of language assessment*.
- Professor Luke Harding (Lancaster University) will give a plenary talk titled: *Imagined interlocutors and 'authentic' chatbots: What can corpus linguistics reveal about constructs in computer-mediated assessment?*

Apart from our exciting keynote addresses, the conference will also feature three highly topical roundtables.

- Invited roundtable: 'Assessing oral communication using GenAI' organised by Haeun (Hannah) Kim, Gary Ockey, Inyoung Na, Gi Jung Kim, Rena Gao, Carsten Roever
- Roundtable 2: 'Reconceptualizing the traditional provision of student feedback with AI innovation' organised by Peter Davidson, Dan Zhao, Barry O'Sullivan

- Roundtable 3: 'Airing and sharing: Responses to challenges for English language learner assessment in school policy in Australia, New Zealand, United States and England/UK' organised by Catherine Hudson, Denise Angelo, Julie Luxton, Sue Creagh, Rosalie Grant, Susy Macqueen

The conference also includes a number of other featured sessions:

<https://www.altaanz.org/featured-sessions.html>

Registration is now open. Take advantage of our low early bird rate, available until 30 September 2025.

For conference details, please visit: <https://www.altaanz.org/altaanz-online-conference-2025.html>

To register, please go to: <https://www.altaanz.org/altaanz-conference-registration-2025.html>

We look forward to seeing many of you at the conference!

Best wishes,

ALTAANZ 2025 Conference Organising Committee