Dear all,

We are thrilled to announce the second edition of the Truly global /L+/ summer/winter school on language acquisition.

**WHEN:** 14 -18 August 2023 (Online) at three different time zones: 1. UTC+8 (Asia/Oceania time), 2. UTC (Africa/Europe time), 3. UTC-4 (The Americas time).

**WEBSITE:** [https://www.lplusschool.org/home](https://www.lplusschool.org/home)

**LINK FOR REGISTRATION:** [https://www.lplusschool.org/registration](https://www.lplusschool.org/registration)

**AIM:** The second truly global /L+/ summer/winter school on language acquisition aims to promote knowledge about language acquisition and establish a global network of collaboration between researchers and students. Students will have the opportunity to learn about current theories and controversies in first language acquisition, as well as about basic experimental and analytical methods to implement in their research studies.

**MOTIVATION:** Although the ability to use language is universal in human cultures, there is a long-standing debate as to whether language develops in similar ways or whether it varies across populations and, if so, why. This debate would benefit from more studies including a variety of languages. However, less than 5% of published studies deal with acquisition in non-European languages. This gap is exacerbated by the fact that many talented students, teachers and researchers in underrepresented areas do not have access to specialist literature, research equipment, or international collaborative networks. The online /L+/ International summer/winter school on language acquisition aims at contributing to reducing this gap.

**TUITION:** Participation in the /L+/ school is **free of charge.**

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:** Students at all levels (BA – PhD) and early career researchers from all regions, but particularly Sub-Saharan Africa, South and Southeast Asia, and South and Central America, are encouraged to participate. There are no prerequisites in terms of specific knowledge or skills. Deaf and hard-of-hearing students are encouraged to apply, as we will try our best to provide International Sign Language interpreters in as many streams as possible. All the lectures are subtitled and closed captions can be provided during the tutorials and discussions.

**TOPICS:** The lecture topics are organized into four different streams:

1. Phonological development
2. Lexical development
3. Morphosyntax development
4. Effects of the environment on development
Each stream will consist of five 45-minute lectures that will be taught by instructors with extensive expertise in theory and methods in these different subfields of language acquisition. Each lecture will also be followed by live discussion sessions with experts in the field.

**STRUCTURE:** The activities will develop in an online format that will combine synchronous (live) and asynchronous (pre-recorded) events in order to encourage the participation of students and researchers in their time zone. When registering, participants will be asked to choose two streams. However, everyone is welcome to attend more than two streams, if desired. Participants will also be able to take part in live practical sessions and networking events.

Additionally, several universities will provide venues for local hubs, where participants can go and attend the online events together.

More information about the schedule and local hubs can be found on our [website](#).

**APPLY:** You can apply for participation with a brief motivation statement (100 words) by following [this link](#) by 23 June 2023.

**QUESTIONS?**
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We are looking forward to your registration!

Best wishes,

The Organization Team