

Call for Papers

The 3rd East Asian Pragmatics Conference (EAPC2026)

Theme: Pragmatic Interfaces in East Asian Communication: Bridging the Humanities and Digital Methods
Date: June 20 (Sat.) – 21 (Sun), 2026
Venue: Ajou University, Suwon, South Korea
Hosted by: Humanities Research Institute of Ajou University, The Sociolinguistic Society of Korea, The English Linguistics Society of Korea, and The Discourse and Cognitive Linguistics Society of Korea

We are pleased to invite abstract submissions for the 3rd East Asian Pragmatics Conference (EAPC2026) to be held at Ajou University in Suwon, South Korea. In an era where digitalization and interdisciplinary research are reshaping the humanities, this conference seeks to explore the evolving interfaces of pragmatic inquiry in East Asian contexts. We welcome contributions that investigate how meaning is constructed, negotiated, and interpreted in everyday, institutional, and mediated communication across the region. By highlighting the growing intersections between traditional humanistic approaches and emerging digital methodologies, this conference aims to create a space for collaboration among scholars engaging in qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods research in pragmatics and related fields.

Possible Topics Include (but are not limited to):

- Pragmatic strategies in East Asian languages and cultures
- Cross-cultural and intercultural pragmatics in East Asia
- Language, identity, and politeness across East Asian contexts
- Discourse and cognition in interaction
- Multimodal communication in digital and social media
- Practical applications of English linguistics in East Asia
- Pragmatics of English as a lingua franca in East Asia
- Language ideology and pragmatic norms in contemporary East Asia
- Language change and pragmatic variation across time and space
- Digital and computational approaches in the humanities

Plenary Speakers

Professor Xinren Chen (Nanjing University)
Professor Yongping Ran (Guangdong University of Foreign Studies)
Professor Akitaka Yamada (Keio University)
Professor Stephanie Hyeri Kim (California State University)

Submission Guidelines:

- Submission email: elsok_conference@naver.com \
- Abstract length: 1,000 words (excluding references)
- Language: English (or Korean)
- Individual papers (20-minute presentation + 10-minute Q&A)

Important Dates

- Abstract submission deadline: **December 31, 2025**
- Notification of acceptance: **February 28, 2026**
- Paper submission deadline: **March 30, 2026**
- Early bird registration deadline: **May 30, 2026**

For more information, please contact the organizing committee at elsok_conference@naver.com

We look forward to your participation!