

ALANZ Symposium

Saturday, 22nd November 2025

8.30am to 5.30 pm

Hosted by the University of Waikato

In conjunction with Applied Linguistics Association of New Zealand

Call for papers

THEME: *Voices of Change: Amplifying the Impact and Relevance of Applied Linguistics*

We invite proposals for the ALANZ Symposium 2025, themed *Voices of Change: Amplifying the Impact and Relevance of Applied Linguistics*.

This one-day symposium provides a platform for researchers, educators, and postgraduate students to engage in critical discussions on how applied linguistics can drive meaningful change.

This year, we explore how our field can elevate diverse perspectives, shape educational practices, and influence language policy in Aotearoa and beyond. We welcome submissions that address pressing issues such as:

- **Learner identities** and the dynamics of multilingualism
- **Teacher identities, beliefs and practices** in evolving language landscapes
- **Text linguistics** and its role in meaning-making across contexts
- **Discourse analysis** in shaping societal narratives
- **Language/languageing and multimodality** in digital and physical spaces

We particularly encourage contributions that examine the intersections of applied linguistics with **indigenous language revitalisation, multilingual education, artificial intelligence, and social justice**. Postgraduate researchers are welcome and encouraged to submit an abstract.

Join us in sparking dialogue, sharing innovative research, and shaping the future of our field.

PLENARY SPEAKERS:

Professor Gary Barkhuizen, University of Auckland, Auckland

Professor Sophie Nock, University of Waikato, Hamilton

PRESENTATION TYPES:

Four presentation formats are available:

- Traditional Conference Presentation (20 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A)
- Lightning Talk (5 minutes, maximum of 2 PPT slides)
- Panel Discussion (45 minutes, up to 5 panellists plus a moderator)
- Colloquium (45 minutes, up to 5 presenters presenting on a common theme)

(All formats welcome empirical research, theoretical exploration, and reflective practice.)

We especially welcome lightning talk submissions from graduate students in applied linguistics and related fields. For those proposing panel discussions, please include a list of panel members and a designated moderator as part of your submission.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS:

A title plus a short abstract of up to 250 words should be emailed, as an attachment, to alanz2025@waikato.ac.nz by the **Friday, 15th August**. A biodata of approximately 100 words should also be included which will go into the symposium programme. All presentations will be **30 minutes** allowing 20 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for the discussion. Abstracts should be *single-spaced*, use a *12-point font*, and use *italics rather than underlining* (except for URL addresses). All abstracts will be blind reviewed. Acceptance of abstracts will be notified by 10 September; this notification will include a statement to the effect that the abstract has been blind reviewed.