Call for Papers

International Conference

“Language Teacher Education and Language Teaching in Oceania: Plurilingual Perspectives”

**Web site:** [**https://www.plurilinguaed.org/en/**](https://www.plurilinguaed.org/en/)

**Dates:** 28–29 January 2026  
**Location:** University of French Polynesia, Tahiti  
**Languages:** English, French, Tahitian  
**Participation Fee:** Free of charge — registration required

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**1. About the Conference**

This conference explores the dynamic realities of language teacher education and language teaching across the plurilingual Oceanic region — one of the most culturally and linguistically complex regions in the world. Drawing on the experiences of educators, researchers and teacher trainers, this event highlights the emerging challenges and innovations shaping language teaching in the region today.

The Oceanic region is marked by rich plurilingual traditions shaped by waves of pre-colonial, colonial, and post-colonial migration. These histories have left deeply embedded traces in educational systems, language policies, and teacher training frameworks. Despite these complexities, Oceanic societies have long sustained vibrant plurilingual practices. In recent decades, growing efforts in language revitalisation and inclusive plurilingual policy development have emerged, aiming to reclaim Indigenous languages while embracing linguistic plurality.

This conference seeks to provide a platform for dialogue on these critical issues. We invite participants to share their current research and reflections on plurilingualism, language teaching, colonial influences on indigenous languages and educational justice in the Oceanian context.

**2**. Call for Abstracts

We welcome proposals that address key issues related to languages, language learning, and language teacher training in the plurilingual context of the Oceanic region.

**2.1. Thematic Areas**

Proposals may relate (but are not limited) to:

* Language teacher education (initial and ongoing) in the Oceanic context
* Colonial and post-colonial influences on language education
* Plurilingual pedagogies and culturally responsive approaches
* Teaching autochthonous, heritage and foreign languages
* Teacher identity and plurilingual journeys
* Language policy and educational equity
* Collaborative partnerships in language education

**2.2. Types of Submissions**

* **Oral Presentations:** 20-minute presentation + 10-minute discussion
* **Posters:** Visually presented research displayed with author interaction time
* **Panel discussions:**Panel discussions will be organised by the conference committee. Participants do not need to submit panel proposals.
* **Languages of presentations:** English, French and Tahitian

**2.3. Abstract Guidelines**

* **Abstract length**: 250–300 words
* **Languages of abstracts**: English and French
* **Include**: title, author name(s), affiliation(s)
* **Indicate:** the presentation type (oral or poster)
* **Submit to**: **<https://www.plurilinguaed.org/en/>**

**3. Important Dates**

* Call for Papers Opens: 15 June 2025
* Abstract Submission Deadline: 30 September 2025
* Notification of Acceptance: 15 October 2025
* Registration Opens: 11 August 2025
* Registration Closes: 30 November 2025
* Conference Dates: 28–29 January 2026

**4. Target Participants & Audience**

We welcome participation from:

* Researchers in language education, linguistics, and sociolinguistics
* Language teacher educators and classroom teachers
* University students in education and language-related fields
* Policymakers and education officials
* Representatives from non-governmental organisations (NGOs) involved in education and language revitalisation
* Community leaders and those committed to indigenous languages

**5. Organising Institutions**

* University of French Polynesia, INSPE
* University of Melbourne, Faculty of Education
* James Cook University, Language Department

**Chairs**

* Zehra Gabillon, University of French Polynesia
* Yvette Slaughter, University of Melbourne
* Florence Boulard, James Cook University

**6. Keynote Speakers**

* **Prof. John Hajek**, University of Melbourne
* **Dr. Mirose Paia**, University of French Polynesia

**7. Conference venue**

**University of French Polynesia**  
Campus d’Outumaoro, B.P. 6570, Faa’a 98702  
Tahiti, French Polynesia, Tel: +689 40 803 803,

Website: [www.upf.pf](http://www.upf.pf)

The conference will take place in the Research Building and INSPE on the University of French Polynesia campus, a beautiful setting overlooking the mountains and lagoon.

**8. Meals and Social Events**

**8.1. Lunches**

Lunch will be **provided free of charge** to all registered participants on both conference days. Meals will be served at **Hotu Catering**, located next to the INSPE building.

**8.2. Conference Dinner**

The **Conference Dinner** will take place on **Thursday, 29 January at 7:30 PM**. This is a **self-funded** event. The venue will be announced closer to the date.

**9. Preliminary Programme**

*A detailed programme including session titles and presenters will be announced following the review process.*

**Day 1 – Wednesday, 28 January 2026**

**Location: Research Building & INSPE**

* 08:00–08:30 – Registration (Research Building)
* 08:30–09:00 – Welcoming speeches (Conference Room, Research Building)
* 09:00–10:30 – Keynote (Conference Room, Research Building)
* 10:30–10:50 – Refreshments (Research Building)
* 11:00–12:00 – Concurrent Sessions (INSPE)
* 12:00–13:30 – Lunch (Hotu Catering)
* 13:30–14:30 – Concurrent Sessions (INSPE)
* 14:30–15:00 – Concurrent Sessions (INSPE)
* 15:00–16:00 – Concurrent Sessions (INSPE)
* 16:00-16:30– Concurrent Sessions (INSPE)

**Day 2 – Thursday, 29 January 2026**

Location: Research Building & INSPE

* 08:45–09:00 – Refreshments (Research Building)
* 09:00–10:00 – Keynote (Conference Room, Research Building)
* 10:00–10:20 – Refreshments (Research Building)
* 10:30–12:00 – Concurrent Sessions (INSPE)
* 12:00–13:30 – Lunch (Hotu Catering)
* 13:30–14:30 – Concurrent Sessions (INSPE)
* 14:30–15:00 – Concurrent Sessions (INSPE)
* 15:00 –15:15 – Refreshments (INSPE)
* 15:15–16:30 – Closing Panel (Salle de Réunion, INSPE)
* **19:30 – Conference Dinner (Venue TBA)**