We are pleased to announce that the 8th Conference for Critical Approaches to Discourse Analysis across Disciplines (CADAAD) will take place from 6-10 July 2020 and will be hosted by the University of Huddersfield, UK. There will be a one-day pre-conference workshop on critical stylistic and corpus approaches to CDA on Monday 6 July. The main conference will take place from 7 to 9 July and there will be a post-conference excursion (see Social Programme) on 10 July for those interested in joining us.

The theme of this year’s conference is ‘Reconciling rigour and context in CDA’ and whilst we hope to receive abstracts across the usual wide range of topics and approaches, we are asking participants to engage with this general theme in the way that they present their research, both in the abstract and the presentation itself. This means in particular that the steps taken to get from data to results should be emphasised rather than taken for granted. We hope by this means to facilitate more discussion amongst seasoned participants about exactly how we go about our research and about the challenges we face in making sure our work is replicable as well as rigorous. By explicitly addressing the problems of methodology, we also aim to make the conference accessible for scholars new to the field, whether postgraduate research students or early career researchers.

CADAAD conferences promote current directions and new developments in cross-disciplinary critical discourse research. We welcome papers which, from a critical-analytical perspective, deal with contemporary social, scientific, political, economic, or professional discourses and genres. We especially welcome papers which (critically) re-examine existing frameworks for critical discourse research as well as those that highlight and apply new methodologies sourced from anywhere across the humanities, social and cognitive sciences.

There will be a series of plenary lectures at the conference from prominent researchers in the field. Confirmed plenary speakers so far are:
All papers will be allocated 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for questions. The language of the conference is English.

Abstracts of up to 350 words excluding references should be submitted via the conference management system EasyChair by 15 December 2019 08:00 CET. Notification of acceptance will be communicated by 14 February 2020. Abstracts should include research questions, a brief outline of methodology and analytical methods, and any theoretical issues addressed, as well describing the data analysed. Delegates may submit up to two abstracts for the conference.

In addition to individual papers, panel proposals on particular themes are welcome and should:

- have a clear and coherent topic/programme
- include all abstracts in one document (pdf-file) and a statement by the panel organizer(s) of the importance of the panel (all abstracts must be no longer than 350 words excluding references)
- be submitted via EasyChair by 15 December 2019 08:00 CET

To submit an abstract, go to: https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=cadaad2020

Review of proposals

- All proposals will be peer-reviewed
- Abstracts that form part of a panel proposal will be reviewed individually
- Only panel proposals with at least four accepted abstracts will be accepted
- Notification of acceptance will be communicated by 14 February 2020

There may be an opportunity to submit papers for a thematically arranged volume to be submitted to an international publisher. Other selected papers will appear in a proceedings issue of the CADAAD journal.

For further information, please visit the conference webpage or write to the local organising committee at CADAAD2020@hud.ac.uk.

Important dates

15 December 2019 Abstract submission deadline (General Session and Panels)
14 February 2020 Notification of acceptance
1 May 2020 Early bird registration finishes
22 June 2020 Registration deadline for presenters
1 July 2020 Standard registration finishes
6 July 2020 Pre-conference workshop
7-9 July 2020 Conference
10 July 2020 Post-conference excursion