

Call for Papers

The CLaSIC 2012 Organising Committee invites proposals for paper and poster presentations related to the conference theme. Submissions are to be made online at the CLaSIC 2012 homepage by latest 31 May 2012. Submissions on other topics may also be considered, but preference will be given to those directly related to the published sub-themes. Enquiries can be directed to the Secretary at clasic2012@nus.edu.sg.

Registration

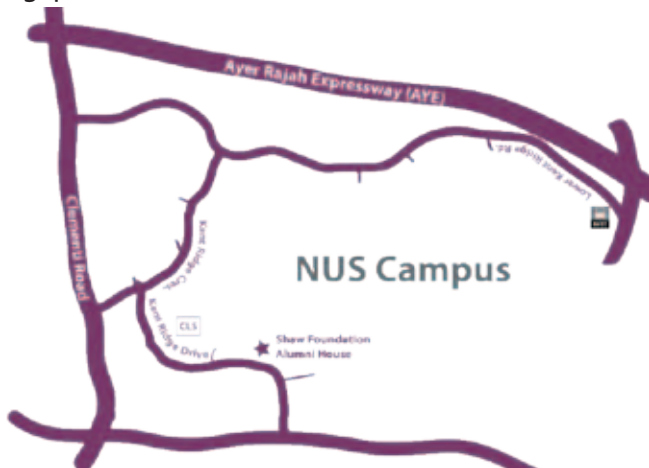
Registration for the conference will open in May 2012. Participants are requested to register online at the CLaSIC 2012 homepage. Registration fee includes admission to conference proceedings, conference materials (handbook, proceedings, conference bag), as well as all teas and lunches. There is also an attractive social programme with a conference dinner and an excursion.

Registration fee:

- SGD 420 (early bird rate till 30 September 2012)
- SGD 490 (standard rate after 30 September 2012)

Conference Venue

National University of Singapore, Kent Ridge Campus, Shaw Foundation Alumni House, 11 Kent Ridge Drive, Singapore 119244



About the Centre for Language Studies

The CLS teaches 12 different languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Malay, Tamil, Thai, and Vietnamese) to approximately 3000 students per semester and has 40 full-time and some 80 part-time academic staff. Faculty members engage in research in second and foreign language education, focusing on both theoretical and applied aspects. It has made significant inroads in the application of technology to language learning and in materials development. It is the publisher of the *Electronic Journal of Foreign Language Teaching (e-FLT)*, an online international refereed journal. Further details about the CLS and the conference can be found at the following URLs:

CLS homepage

<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/cls/>

CLaSIC 2012 homepage

<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/cls/clasic2012/>

CLaSIC 2012 blog (for updates)

<http://clasic2012.blogspot.com/>

e-FLT homepage

<http://e-flt.nus.edu.sg/>

Enquiries

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The Fifth CLS International Conference



Culture in Foreign Language Learning: Framing and Reframing the Issue

Singapore, 6–8 December 2012

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CLaSIC 2012 – Culture in Foreign Language Learning: Framing and Reframing the Issue

The National Center for Cultural Competence at Georgetown University defines culture as “an integrated pattern of human behavior that includes thoughts, communications, languages, practices, beliefs, values, customs, courtesies, rituals, manners of interacting and roles, relationships and expected behaviors of a racial, ethnic, religious or social group; and the ability to transmit the above to succeeding generations.” This definition of culture makes it obvious that language is more than just a means to express a culture; it is in fact an integral part of that culture. Language and culture are therefore closely intertwined and it is hardly possible to teach a language without culture, for culture provides the necessary context for language use. It is therefore not surprising that the *US National Standards in Foreign Language Education* lists the understanding of the target language culture and its perspectives, practices and products as a key objective of foreign language education.

In making the study of the role of culture in foreign language learning the theme of CLaSIC 2012, the Organizing Committee acknowledges its undoubted importance and encourages participants to actively contemplate and debate this essential issue. Through scholarly and critical interactions with a diverse range of sub-themes, ranging from “culture, identity and motivation” to “intercultural language teaching” and “ethnographic approaches to language teaching,” it is hoped that a keener understanding of the multi-faceted relationship between culture and foreign language education can be achieved.

Keynote Speakers

- Michael Byram (Durham University)
- Shengli Feng (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- Kimi Kondo-Brown (University of Hawai‘i at Manoa)
- Claire Kramsch (University of California Berkeley)

Sub-Themes

- Culture and culture awareness in foreign language learning
- Instructional approaches for culture teaching
- Intercultural language teaching
- Culture, identity and motivation
- Acculturation and language socialization
- Heritage language education
- Assessment and evaluation in the teaching of culture
- Curriculum and materials development for culture teaching
- Educating teachers for culture teaching
- Ethnographic approaches to language teaching
- Study abroad and language contact
- Transculturalism in foreign language learning
- Sociolinguistics and foreign language teaching
- Other topics



About CLaSIC

CLaSIC is a biennial conference organised by the Centre for Language Studies (CLS) of the National University of Singapore (NUS), and aims to bring together academics, researchers and professionals from Asia and beyond for a productive and meaningful exchange of insights, experiences, views and perspectives on current and future developments in foreign language teaching and learning. The conference serves as a platform for participants to report on current research and practices in foreign language education and related disciplines. Since the inaugural conference in December 2004, CLaSIC has been a resounding success, drawing researchers and professionals from all over the world. Leading scholars in foreign language education, applied linguistics and second language acquisition have featured as keynote speakers, among them Anna Uhl Chamot, William Littlewood, Richard Schmidt, Elaine Tarone, Hermann Funk, Cornelius Kubler and Amy Tsui.

Three scholarly volumes with selected papers from CLaSIC 2004, 2006 and 2008 have been published by the international publishing house, De Gruyter Mouton (Boston and Berlin). The last of these three volumes is titled *Media in Foreign Language Teaching and Learning*. A fourth volume with selected papers from CLaSIC 2010 is currently in preparation.

Asia-Pacific Symposium for the Teaching of Asian Languages

In 2008, CLaSIC hosted for the first time a symposium on Asian languages teaching jointly with the Australian National University. The symposium was expanded in 2010 to include further reputable partners in the University of Hawai‘i, La Trobe University, and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.