

Interpreting role-call

Taking stock in a changing world

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Call for papers

The **SLIANZ Conference Committee 2019** invites interpreters, Deaf community members, researchers, practi-searchers, policy makers and other stakeholders to submit abstracts for its annual conference. The theme is **Interpreting Role-Call: Taking stock in a changing world**.

SLIANZ has chosen this conference theme to examine the role(s) of the sign language interpreter from the various perspectives of Deaf people, hearing people, and interpreters; to explore some of the complexities that challenge traditional ideas of the role; and to consider these perspectives and complexities in today's policy context.

Since beginning in the mid-1980s, the sign language interpreting field in New Zealand has experienced many changes. Training has shifted from within Deaf clubs to universities; the increased participation of Deaf people in society and education have changed the domains and the ways in which interpreters work; and the relationship between interpreters and the Deaf community continues to be redefined. Over the last 35 years, theoretical understandings of the professional interpreter role have evolved and continue to be reconsidered by interpreter researchers, practitioners and by Deaf communities across the globe. This conference is an opportunity for the New Zealand interpreting profession and the communities that it serves to come together for an open dialogue about our respective roles within interpreted interaction.

Conference proposals

We invite proposals for practical and/or theoretical presentations, panels, and workshops that examine the role of sign language interpreters. Proposals (abstracts) should be submitted in written English or in NZSL. If you would like help to prepare your written or signed proposal, please contact the conference committee – we have support in place for this.

- Written proposals can be up to 250 words
- NZSL proposals can be up to 3 minutes long. They must be uploaded to YouTube; video files will not be accepted
- Deadline for proposals is Sunday 31st March 2019
- Confirmation of acceptance will be sent by Friday 19th April 2019
- Send written proposals or links to NZSL proposals to slianzconference@gmail.com.

If your paper is accepted, the conference committee will provide you with further details about preparing your presentation and working with interpreters at the conference.

Session format and working languages

The official conference languages will be NZSL and English, and interpreters will be provided. If you wish to present in a different language, you must provide your own interpreters.

- Presentations will be 30 minutes, including 10 minutes for discussion.
- Workshops and panels will be 1 hour, although we may also accept proposals for longer sessions.



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