



Aarhus, 15 August 2026

Second call:

***Exploring Language Education (ELE)* – Aarhus University – 8-10 June 2027**

As announced in the first call, the fourth edition of the *Exploring Language Education (ELE)* conference series will take place at Aarhus University, Denmark, from 8-10 June 2027. The conference begins on 8 June with registration from 9:00 to 11:00 AM and official opening at 11:00 AM. There are three days of scientific programming and a conference dinner on Wednesday evening.

The theme of the 4th ELE conference is *Sustainable Language Education*, and we welcome proposals for paper presentations and symposia related to this theme from scholars around the world. In recent years, we have witnessed conflicting tendencies regarding language education pointing to both development and crisis: From the multilingual turn within language teaching research, attesting a rising awareness of students' rich and complex linguistic repertoires, through the introduction of accessible AI in society and schools, to the deep motivation crisis for learning languages other than English. All of these trends reveal the need to rethink language education in the light of our present world and consider the question: **What is sustainable language education today?**

We invite scholars to participate in the conference with contributions relating to:

- Sustainable learning, teaching and assessment in the current context
- Sustaining languages other than English (LOTE) in the educational system
- Sustaining minority languages in the educational system
- Sustaining students' motivation and engagement
- Sustainable language education in the face of AI
- Holistic and complexity-oriented approaches to language education

Important dates:

1 May 2026:	First call
15 August 2026:	Second call
1 October 2026:	Abstract submission opens
1 November 2026:	Final call

1 December 2026:	Deadline for abstract submission
1 February 2027:	Communication of abstract review results
	Conference registration opens
	Preliminary program
1 April 2027:	Deadline for early bird registration
1 May:	Registration closes
31 May:	Final program
8-10 June 2027:	ELE conference

Abstract submission

We are pleased to announce that the submission system will open on 1 October. You will find the site for submission here: [Abstract submission](#). Abstracts may be submitted until **1 December 2026**.

Paper presentations

Paper presentations will be allotted a time slot of 20 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions.

Abstracts for paper presentations and should be no longer than **300 words, excluding references**.

Symposium proposals

We warmly encourage submissions of symposium proposals. Symposia will be allocated a time slot of 90 minutes or 3 hours. Proposals for symposia should contain an overall description of the symposium as well as abstracts for the paper presentations involved. The overall description should describe the organization of the symposium and the number of presentations involved and indicate the desired time slot (90 minutes or 3 hours). It should also include titles of individual paper presentations as well as name and affiliation of discussant, if a discussant is included. The overall description should not exceed **400 words, excluding references**. Abstracts for the involved paper presentations should not exceed **300 words, excluding references**.

Practicalities

Further updates regarding registration, hotels, etc., will be published on the conference website: <https://conferences.au.dk/exploring-language-education>

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