

Relevance Researchers' Network Conference (online)
7th October 2022

Since the publication of *Relevance: Communication and Cognition*, Sperber & Wilson's groundbreaking theory of communication has influenced scholars in a number of disciplines. While firmly rooted in Pragmatics, it has enabled scholars in other areas of linguistics and related disciplines such as (but not limited to) translation and interpreting studies and psychology to view human communication through the cognitive lens.

More recently, the influence of relevance theory has spread into emerging topics and other disciplines. For example, ideas from relevance theory have been applied to research in online communication, media communication, emotions, art, experimental pragmatics, and pedagogy.

This free one day online conference will bring scholars together to share their latest work in relevance theory across different fields. By showcasing a wide range of topics, we aim to provide a platform for fruitful discussions to reconfirm the explanatory power of the theory and its potential to develop further afield.

Conference topics:

We welcome all and any contributions grounded in relevance theory. There is no limit to specific topics but we welcome ideas that engage fully with relevance theory, as well as interdisciplinary contributions.

Programme:

The conference will consist of two plenary lectures and a programme of full papers. Full papers will be 20 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion.

Keynote Speakers:

Robyn Carston (University College London)

Thom Scott-Phillips (University of The Basque Country)

Submissions:

We invite original submissions that fully engage with relevance theory or apply relevance theory in pragmatics and other related areas. We also welcome interdisciplinary contributions from researchers of various disciplines.

Submissions should be 300 words or less and fully anonymised. Please email your submission to relevance.researchers@gmail.com by 17th June 2022.

Important dates:

Submission of abstracts by 17 June 2022

Notification of acceptance by end of July 2022

Registration from 1 September 2022

Publications:

Abstracts of all accepted papers and recordings of all presentations will be made available online through RRN's website. Further publication plans are currently being considered.

Organising committee:

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All information about the conference is available on <https://relevanceresearchers.com/> where all updates will also be posted.

Please use the following email address to contact the organisers: relevance.researchers@gmail.com