KFLC
KENTUCKY FOREIGN LANGUAGE CONFERENCE



THE LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES CONFERENCE

General Call for Papers: 2026

April 16th-18th, 2026 – University of Kentucky – Lexington, Kentucky

New Voices, New Worlds: AI and the Humanities in Dialogue

We encourage submissions for papers and panels guided by this theme for the 2026 edition of the KFLC. As always, though, we welcome all scholarly submissions relevant to our many tracks.

Hybrid Conference
Thursday, April 16th — virtual panels
Friday and Saturday, April 17th and 18th — in-person panels

Abstract Submission Deadline:
Saturday, November 22nd, 2025, 11:59 PM EST

The **KFLC 2026 Executive Committee** is proud to open sessions devoted to the presentation of scholarly research in the following areas:

- Arabic and Islamic Studies
- Ancient Mediterranean Classics
- Eurovision Studies
- French and Francophone Studies
- German-Austrian-Swiss
- Hebrew and Jewish Studies
- Hispanic Linguistics*
- Hispanic Studies: Peninsular
- Hispanic Studies: Spanish American
- Hispanic Studies: Medieval
- Indigenous Studies
- Intercultural Studies
- Italian Studies
- Language Studies for the Professions
- Linguistics
- Lusophone Studies
- Neo-Latin Studies
- Russian and Slavic Studies
- Scandinavian and Nordic Studies
- Second Language Acquisition
- Studies of Global Asias
- Translation Studies
- Undergraduate Studies

** All topics in Hispanic Linguistics should be submitted under the "Hispanic Linguistics" track. Those on topics related to History and Change should indicate so clearly at the top of their abstract.*

Paper presentations are 20 minutes followed by a 10-minute question & answer session. In addition to **individual abstracts** for paper presentations, **proposals for panels of 4-5 papers** will be considered.

The KFLC has a tradition of attracting scholars from a broad range of languages and specializations. This year we particularly encourage submissions related to our theme – *New Voices, New Worlds: AI and the Humanities in Dialogue*– but, as always, we welcome all scholarly submissions relevant to our disciplinary tracks.

Individually submitted abstracts should be no more than 250 words. *Participants should submit no more than one abstract as first author.*

Panel proposals of 4 - 5 presentations should be submitted per the following instructions:

- *The panel organizer MUST electronically submit a panel proposal.* The panel proposal cannot exceed one page in length and should include the theme of the panel, the organizer's name and contact information, and the names, contact information and affiliations of the panel participants.

- *Each participant MUST submit an individual abstract using our online system in addition to the panel proposal.* Please indicate that your presentation is part of a pre-organized panel and list the title and organizer of the panel following the abstract.

Submissions to Undergraduate Studies must include a 200-word abstract submitted by the presenting student and a recommendation from a faculty member. Both should be submitted directly to the KFLC abstract submission portal.

Please visit our website for details pertaining to the track that interests you. Be sure that your paper or panel is prepared according to the track's guidelines including, but not limited to, the format and the language of presentation. **Acceptance of a paper or complete panel implies a commitment on the part of all participants to register and attend the conference.**

All presenters must pay the appropriate registration fee by Monday March 3rd, 2026 to be included in the program. *Failure to pay by this deadline will result in the immediate removal of your abstract from the conference program. We will attempt to contact you before removing your presentation.*

A note on scheduling: All KFLC panels are scheduled between the hours of 9am and 6pm on the days of the conference. We cannot accommodate special scheduling requests, so presenters should be prepared to present during those times on the day or days of their chosen modality. The program will be published approximately one month in advance of the conference.

For general information about the conference and paper presentation guidelines, and to submit abstracts and panel proposals **BY NOVEMBER 22nd, 2025, at 11:59 PM EST,** please visit our website:

https://meetinghand.com/e/kentucky-foreign-language-conference/