



The World Communication Association

Invites you to join us as we celebrate our 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Call for papers, Panels and Abstracts

2021 Biennial Conference

12-18, July 2021

**Theme: Communicating for Our Future**

As our world struggles with Covid-19, the importance of communication, in its myriad forms, cannot be understated. Let's use the 2021 conference as an opportunity to share similar experiences and come together as a community.

**Format:** Virtual Conference – The 2021 conference has been reimagined to be an entirely virtual conference. The WCA recognises that Covid-19 continues to affect all of us, and we are unable to predict what effects, if any there will be in July 2021. While we know many will want to attend a conference in person, this is not possible for many reasons. Thus, we will instead be convening the WCA conference virtually.

**Submissions:** Submissions will be accepted after January 8, 2021. Papers, abstracts, and sessions are due March 1, 2021. Submitters may submit abstracts (150-words) and/or full

paper (APA format, maximum 25-pages) online via the following e-mail:

(wca2021.submission@gmail.com). Decisions will be released by early April 2021.

**Topic Areas:** cross cultural communication, culture and education, culture and power, culture and politics, cross border issues, discourse patterns and politeness, education and inequality, education and geopolitics, ethnicity and geopolitics, gender and geopolitics, gender inequality, global culture in transition, global elites and geopolitics, history and culture, immigration and culture, immigration and education, intercultural communication, law and culture, linguistics and communication, literature and communication, semiotics of communication, health communication, religion of culture, rhetoric of geopolitics, role of metaphors, proverbs & idioms, organizational communication, and business communication and culture.

**Synchronous or asynchronous:** The Association is working to facilitate a mixture of both synchronous and asynchronous presentations. More information on presentations of papers will be forthcoming on the WCA website.

**Fees:** Registration fees for the conference are based on a triple-tiered structure following the United Nations model for A, B, and C countries, which is based on the World Bank's indicators of Gross National Income. Your tier is determined by the country you currently live in and not your country of origin. The tiers are listed below.

Country A - \$75USD

Country B - \$50USD

Country C - \$25USD (including ALL students)

To present and attend at the conference, participants must also be a WCA Member.

Information about membership can be found at the conference and association website: <http://wcaweb.org>

#### Tier A:

Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, French Polynesia, Germany, Greece, Greenland, Guam, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Israel, Italy, Japan, Rep of Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Sint Maarten (Dutch part), Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Martin (French part), Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Virgin Islands (U.S.),

#### Tier B:

Albania, Algeria, American Samoa, Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Gabon, Georgia, Grenada, Guyana, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Libya, FYR Macedonia, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, Namibia, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, South Africa, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Venezuela

#### Tier C:

Afghanistan, Armenia, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Rep., Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau,

Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kiribati, Democratic Republic of Korea, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Micronesia Fed., Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Timor – Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vietnam, West Bank and Gaza, Yemen, Rep., Zambia, Zimbabwe

On behalf of the WCA Executive Committee and the 2021 Conference Planning Committee,

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look forward to seeing you virtually in 2021.

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