

Welcome to ISLE 6 in Joensuu, Finland!

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ISLE 6 will be hosted by the University of Eastern Finland School of Humanities in Joensuu, Finland. The conference dates are June 3–6, 2020. The conference theme is *Evolving English and the digital era*.

Digitalization is undoubtedly one of the great revolutions in human history. Technologization and digitalization make it possible that massive amounts of linguistic data, past and present, are available through various channels. These data can be combined, annotated, mined and visualized using high-powered computing. For several decades, English linguistics has been at the forefront of this revolution in the humanities, as evinced for instance in the development and use of digital corpora and in the quantitative turn in the field. While we recognize these past achievements, ISLE 6 seeks to assess the impact of digitalization in English linguistics and in the study of its varieties. We hope to be a venue for state-of-the-art presentations that highlight how digitalization can (or cannot) benefit the study of English linguistics and how it could help us understand its past and present and possibly predict its future paths.

The following plenary speakers have kindly confirmed their participation:

Kate Burridge (Monash University)

Bruno Gonçalves (ISI Foundation)

Jack Grieve (University of Birmingham)

Terttu Nevalainen (University of Helsinki)

We plan to start the conference with thematic workshops on Wednesday June 3, 2020. This first day is followed by two and a half days of papers, work-in-progress reports, and posters. The social program will give you a chance to explore the city of Joensuu and the beautiful nature of Eastern Finland.

The Call for papers will be published in February–March 2019, and the submission deadline for workshop, presentation and poster proposals is scheduled for the autumn of 2019.

Please visit the conference website at www.uef.fi/isle6, and contact us via isle6@uef.fi.

We look forward to hosting you in Joensuu in 2020!

Local organising committee

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