

**ILACA 2009 Tentative Schedule**

| <b>Wednesday, July 1</b> |   | <b>Location</b>   |
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| 9:30-10:00               | Workshop registration   | PAB, Department of English Programs (4 <sup>th</sup> floor) |
| 10:00-12:30              | Workshop 1: <b>James Purpura</b><br><i>Teachers College, Columbia University</i><br><b>Assessing Grammar</b>  | Room 414W at PAB  |
| 12:30- 14:00             | <i>Lunch Buffet: AUA Cafeteria</i>  |   |
| 14:00-16:30              | Workshop 2: <b>Purya Baghai</b><br><i>Islamic Azad University, Mashad Branch</i><br><b>Fundamental Measurement with the Rasch Model</b>                                   | Computer lab 9d at AUA Main Building                        |
| 16:30-17:00              | Tour of <b>Paramaz Avedisian Building (PAB)</b>   |   |
| <b>Thursday, July 2</b>  |   |   |
| 9:00-9:30                | On-site registration  | Alex and Marie Manoogian Hall at PAB, AUA                   |
| 9:30-10:00               | Opening Ceremonies:<br><b>AUA Provost Welcoming Address</b><br><b>Conference Chair Report</b>   |   |
| 10:00-10:45              | Plenary talk 1: <b>Bernard Spolsky</b><br><i>Bar-Ilan University, Jerusalem, Israel</i><br><b>Modernizing Language Assessment</b>   |   |
| 10:45-11:15              | <i>Coffee break (Compliments of Cambridge ESOL)</i>   |   |
|                          | <i>Session chair 1: <b>Gayane Manukyan</b></i>  |   |
| 11:15-11:45              | Invited Speaker 1: <b>Kourosh Lachini</b><br><i>Qatar University</i><br><b>Evaluation Methods in Research</b>   |   |
| 11:45-12:15              | Paper presentation 1: <b>Elham Foroozandeh</b><br><i>Teacher Trainer and Researcher</i><br><b>Evaluation of the MA TEFL Program in Iran</b>                               |   |
| 12:15-13:30              | <i>Lunch Buffet: AUA Cafeteria</i>  |   |
|                          | <i>Session chair 2: <b>Syuzanna Gasparyan</b></i>   |   |
| 13:30-14:00              | Invited Speaker 2: <b>S. Susan Marandi</b><br><i>Al-Zahra University</i><br><b>Bridging the Gap among Language Testers: Introducing EFL Teachers to Online Assessment</b> |   |
| 14:00-14:30              | Paper presentation 2: <b>Laurial Mehdi</b><br><i>American University of Sharjah</i><br><b>Using Self-Assessment for a Less Stressful Learning Environment</b>             |   |
| 14:30-15:00              | Paper presentation 3: <b>Hajar Khanmohammad</b><br><i>Islamic Azad University, Central Tehran</i><br><b>Development of a Rubric for Translation Assessment</b>            |   |
| 15:00-15:30              | <i>Coffee break (Compliments of Cambridge ESOL)</i>   |   |
|                          | <i>Session chair 3: <b>Serine Poghosyan</b></i>   |   |

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| 15:30-16:00           | Paper presentation 4: <b>Irena Gyulazyan</b><br><i>American University of Armenia</i><br><b>The European Language Portfolio in the Armenian Learning/Teaching Context</b>  | <i>Alex and Marie</i><br>Manoogian Hall at<br>PAB, AUA |
| 16:00-16:30           | Paper presentation 5: <b>Hamed Barjesteh &amp; Mohammad Bagher Khatibi</b><br><i>Islamic Azad University, Ayatollah Amoli Branch</i><br><b>Reduced Redundancy Testing: A Viable Alternative to the Use of Achievement Tests?</b> |  |
| 16:30-17:00           | Paper presentation 6: <b>Hadi Farjami</b><br><i>Semnan University</i><br><b>The Change Iranian ELT Needs: Evaluation Supported Standard-Based Language Teaching</b>  |  |
| 18:00-22:00           | Afternoon tour to <b>Garni</b> and <b>Geghard</b>  |  |
| <b>Friday, July 3</b> |  |  |
| 9:00-9:30             | On-site registration   |  |
| 9:30- 10:15           | Plenary talk 2: <b>James E. Purpura</b><br><i>Teachers College, Columbia University</i><br><b>A Learning-Oriented Approach to Assessing Grammar in Classroom Contexts</b>  |  |
| 10:15-10:45           | Paper presentation 1: <b>Amir Mahdavi Zafarghandi &amp; Masoud Khalili Sabetma</b><br><i>University of Guilan</i><br><b>Foreign Language Assessment and Foreign Language Development</b>   |  |
| 10:45-11:15           | Coffee break (Compliments of Carleton University)  |  |
|                       | <i>Session chair 4: Rima Aleksanyan</i>  |  |
| 11:15-11:45           | Invited speaker 3: <b>Annie Brown</b><br><i>Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, United Arab Emirates</i><br><b>Assessing Interactional Competence through Paired Tasks</b>                                     |  |
| 11:45-12:15           | Paper presentation 2: <b>Hossein Siahpoosh</b><br><i>Ardabil University of Medial Sciences</i><br><b>Test-Taking Strategies of High and Low English Achievers</b>  |  |
| 12:15-13:30           | <i>Lunch Buffet: AUA Cafeteria</i>   |  |
|                       | <i>Session chair 5: Naira Stepanyan</i>  |  |
| 13:30-14:00           | Invited Speaker 4: <b>Zohre Eslami</b><br><i>Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture, Texas A&amp;M University</i><br><b>Assessing Second Language Pragmatics</b>  |  |
| 14:00-14:30           | Paper presentation 3: <b>Is'haaq Akbarian</b><br><i>University of Qom</i><br><b>Investigating the Interaction between Vocabulary Breadth, Depth, and Academic Vocabulary for ESP/EAP Learners</b>                                |  |
| 14:30-15:00           | Paper presentation 4: <b>Sepideh Rahimpour</b><br><i>Islamic Azad University-Quchan Branch</i><br><b>Pattern Types of Rater Bias in an EFL Writing Performance Assessment</b>  |  |

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| 15:00-15:30             | <i>Coffee break (Compliments of Carleton University)</i>   |   |
|                         | <i>Session chair 6: <b>Mariam Karapetyan</b></i>   |   |
| 15:30-16:00             | Paper presentation 5: <i>Eva Barta</i><br><i>Foreign Language Examination Center of Budapest Business School, Hungary</i><br><b>Test-takers' Listening Comprehension Sub-skills: A Retrospective Study</b>                                       | <p><i>Alex and Marie Manoogian Hall at PAB, AUA</i></p> |
| 16:00-16:30             | Paper presentation 6: <i>Arman Abednia &amp; Mahsa Izadinia</i><br><i>Allameh Tabatabai University</i><br><b>A Critical Appraisal of ILTA Code of Ethics: Morality of Proximity or Hegemonic Ethics?</b>   |   |
| 20:00-24:00             | Banquet at " <i>Parvanna</i> " restaurant  |   |
| <b>Saturday, July 4</b> |  |   |
| 9:00-9:30               | On-site registration   |   |
| 9:30- 10:15             | Plenary talk 3: <i>Jared Bernstein</i><br><i>Linguistics Department, Stanford University &amp; Knowledge Technologies, Pearson</i><br><b>Automatic Evaluation of Speaking in Historical Perspective</b>  |   |
| 10:15-10:45             | Paper presentation 1: <i>Hamid Ashraf</i><br><i>Islamic Azad University, Torbat H.</i><br><b>Questioning the Content Validity of iBT TOEFL Speaking Test</b>   |   |
| 10:45-11:15             | <i>Coffee break (Compliments of Cambridge ESOL)</i>  |   |
|                         | <i>Session chair 7: <b>Sona Martirosyan</b></i>  |   |
| 11:15-11:45             | Paper presentation 2: <i>Khalil Motallebzadeh</i><br><i>Islamic Azad University</i><br><b>The Effect of Strategy-Based Instruction on the Improvement of IELTS Speaking Scores</b>   |   |
| 11:45-12:15             | Paper presentation 3: <i>Masoomeh Estaji</i><br><i>Allameh Tabataba'i University</i><br><b>Interrelationship between Assessment and Instruction: Teachers' Beliefs and Practices toward IELTS Writing Task</b>                                   |   |
| 12:15-13:30             | <i>Lunch Buffet: AUA Cafeteria</i>   |   |
|                         | <i>Session chair 8: <b>Narine Varosyan</b></i>   |   |
| 13:30- 14:00            | Invited Speaker 5: <i>Reza Kiani &amp; Sarah Jalali</i><br><i>Trabiat Modares University</i><br><b>Detecting Differential Item Functioning through Two DIF Procedures: IRT and Logistic Regression</b>   |   |
| 14:00-14:30             | Paper presentation 4: <i>Abbas Ali Rezaee &amp; Enayat A. Sha'bani</i><br><i>University of Tehran</i><br><b>Gender Differential Item Functioning Analysis of Dichotomously Scored Items of the University of Tehran English Proficiency Test</b> |   |
| 14:30-15:00             | Paper presentation 5: <i>Mohammad Salehi</i><br><i>Sharif University of Technology</i><br><b>The Application of Differential Item Functioning and Factor Analysis</b>  |   |
| 15:00-15:30             | <i>Coffee break (Compliments of Cambridge ESOL)</i>  |   |

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|                       | <i>Session chair 9: Arevik Aboyan</i>  |
| 15:30-16:00           | Paper presentation 6: <b>Mohammad Forouzani</b><br><i>Islamic Azad University of Qom</i><br><b>The Need for a New Perspective in the Present Trends of Language Testing</b>  |
| 16:00-16:30           | <i>Paper presentation 7: Masoud Khalili Sabet</i><br><i>University of Guilan-Iran</i><br><b>The Impacts of Traditional Summative Testing and Portfolio Assessment on EFL Students' Motivation</b>                          |
| 16:30-17:00           | Invited Speaker 6: <b>Antony Kunnan</b><br><i>California State University, Los Angeles</i><br><b>The U.S. Naturalization Test: Enabler or Barrier to Civic Nationalism</b><br>(If technology permits for a teleconference) |
| 17:00-18:30           | Closing Ceremony<br><i>Armenian National Dance</i>   |
| <b>Sunday, July 5</b> |  |
| 9:00-20:00            | Full-day tour to <b>Lake Sevan, Dilijan, Haghartzin and Goshavank</b>  |