

Call for Papers

Presentation proposals can be submitted online at the following URL, latest by **31 May 2008**:

<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/cls/clasic2008/>

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Registration, Conference Venue and Further Information

Information on registration, conference venue and other details will be made available on the CLaSIC 2008 homepage by March, 2008.

Email enquiries can be directed to:

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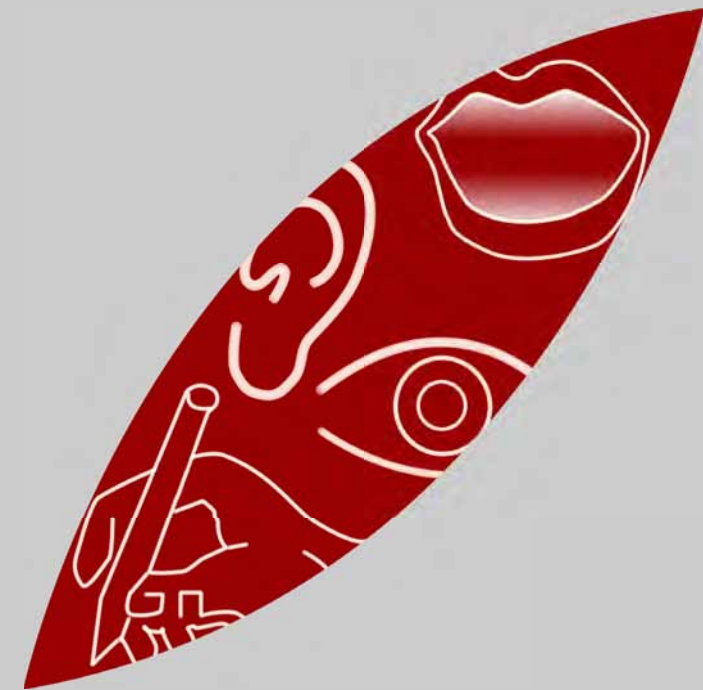


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**Media
in Foreign Language
Teaching and Learning**

About CLaSIC

CLaSIC is a biennial international conference organised by the Centre for Language Studies (CLS) of the National University of Singapore (NUS). It aims to bring together academics, researchers and professionals from Asia and beyond for a productive and rewarding exchange of insights, experiences, views and perspectives on current and future developments in foreign language teaching and learning. The conference serves as a platform for participants to report on current research and practices in foreign language education and related disciplines. It also provides an avenue for the discussion and critical examination of new and innovative concepts and approaches expected to have an impact on future practices. The inaugural CLaSIC was held in December 2004 at the National University of Singapore and was a resounding success. The second CLaSIC echoed its success with participants from all over the world.



CLaSIC 2008: MEDIA IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LEARNING

Media have always played a substantial role in the history of education, including of course the teaching and learning of foreign languages. With the rapid advances achieved in technology in the last few decades, the range of media available to educationists and teachers as well as their significance for teaching and learning have seen phenomenal growth.

CLaSIC 2008 has thus chosen to focus on the use of media in foreign language education. “Media” is defined in the context of the conference in a broad sense and encompasses not just the hardware (such as the blackboard, CD player, computer or even mobile devices) and the software (such as a film, newspapers, an interactive computer programme or the Internet), but also the symbol system or code, through which the message, here the learning content, is represented.

CLaSIC 2008 aims to provide a platform for the critical consideration of the role of media – be it traditional or electronic media, news or entertainment media – in foreign language education and its feeder disciplines, especially second language acquisition and linguistics. It hopes to engage participants in an insightful and rewarding discussion of the use and potential of media in providing effective and motivating learning opportunities both within and beyond the confines of the language classroom.

Sub-themes

1. Media Theories and Pedagogy
2. Typology of Educational Media
3. "Traditional" vs. "New" Media
4. Media in Curriculum and Materials Development
5. Managing Media in the Language Classroom
6. Electronic Media and Multimedia in Language Learning
7. The Internet and Computer-Mediated Communication in Language Learning
8. Mass Media as Language Learning Content
9. Media and Language Assessment
10. Media in Teacher Education
11. Role of Media in Second Language Acquisition
12. Language as a Medium of Communication and Instruction

About CLS

The CLS teaches 11 different languages (Bahasa Indonesia, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Malay, Tamil, Thai, and Vietnamese) to over 2600 students per semester and has around 40 full-time and some 70 part-time academic staff. Its staff engage in research in second and foreign language education, focusing on both theoretical and applied aspects. Further details about the centre and the conference can be found at the following URLs:

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