**1st International Pragmatics Conference of the Americas and the 5th International Conference on Intercultural Pragmatics**

**October 19-21, 2012, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, USA**

The goal of the joint conference is to promote both theoretical and applied research in pragmatics, and bring together scholars who are interested in different subfields of pragmatics (philosophical, linguistic, cognitive, social, intercultural, interlanguage, etc.). Three parallel sessions will be held on the following topics:

1. Pragmatics theories: neo-Gricean approaches, relevance theory, theory of mind, meaning, role of context, semantics-pragmatics interface, explicature, implicature, speech act theory, presuppositions, im/politeness, experimental pragmatics, etc.
2. Intercultural, cross-cultural an societal aspects of pragmatics: research involving more than one language and culture or varieties of one language, lingua franca, technologically mediated communication, bilinguals’ language use, intercultural misunderstandings, effect of dual language and multilingual systems on the development and use of pragmatic skills, language of aggression and conflict, etc.
3. Applications: usage and corpus-based approaches, pragmatic competence, teachability and learnability of pragmatic skills, pragmatic variations within one language and across languages, developmental pragmatics, etc.

**Conference website**

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**Call for papers and panels**

Abstracts (max. 300 words) are invited for papers and panels on any topic relevant to the fields of pragmatics and intercultural communication.

On-line submission is at

[http://ampra.uncc.edu](https://mail.uncc.edu/OWA/redir.aspx?C=08dd398dbc404346b22823d878e57199&URL=http%3a%2f%2fampra.uncc.edu)

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**Abstract deadline: 15, April 2012**

**Notification of acceptance: 1st June, 2012**

Please, include your name, affiliation and e-mail address. Abstracts will be double-blind peer-reviewed, and should include sufficient details to allow reviewers to judge the scientific merits of the work. Paper presentations will be allowed 20 minutes, plus 10 minutes for questions. All presentations will be in English.

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The deadline for panels is the same as for papers, **April 15th, 2012**.

**Publication**

There volumes of selected papers (theories; applications; intercultural aspects): Mouton de Gruyter, John Benjamins, and Cambridge Scholars Publishing

**Conference fee**

Regular registration: $180 (includes coffee breaks)

Early bird registration (before 30 June 2010): $150

Students (with valid I.D.): $80

**Venue**

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA

Center City Building

<http://centercity.uncc.edu/>

**Registration**

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**Accommodation**

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