

Dear IADA members, dear friends,

Abstract submission for the IADA 2027 Conference in Boulder, Colorado, USA (9-12 August, 2027), is now open!

The theme of the conference is “The Consequentiality of Practicing Dialogue.”

The deadline for submissions will be **15 January, 2027**.

Here is the Call for Papers

The Consequentiality of Practicing Dialogue

At the IADA 2027 conference, the emphasis is on exploring the practice of dialogue. A practice perspective accounts for both the productivity and creativity that takes place in dialogue, as well as the practical and concrete consequences of dialogue. Communication as a social practice emphasizes that dialogue is enacted in talk in ways that are normative to the practitioners engaged in the practice. This opens questions about dialogues’ normative dimensions:

- What is dialogue trying to accomplish? What makes dialogue more and less successful according to various criteria?
- What values are central to this accomplishment (e.g., openness, reciprocity, vulnerability)?
- In what situations do we turn to dialogue? What does dialogue contribute to these situations?
- How does power shape dialogue?
- What are the limits of dialogue as a communicative practice?
- What is the interplay of dialogue, connectivity, resilience and collaboration?
- What are the commitments, impacts and art of being a practitioner of dialogue/member of a dialogic community of practice?



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The expectation is that a wide range of dialogic communication practices and processes may be considered, including organizing, diplomacy, problem-solving, collaboration, deliberation, intercultural dialogue, inter-group dialogue, negotiation practices, and more. Attention can also be drawn to discourse practices within dialogue, including how values are shared or confronted, identities are constituted or altered, relations are woven, knowledge is coproduced, errors become common, shared meaning is created, and communities are built. Or ways that dialogue enables harm, discord, or relational damage.

Dialogue is a situated social practice—it occurs between specific people in a time and place. This raises questions about what conditions are required for dialogue to be possible and how dialogue is differently enacted in various contexts, including healthcare interactions, civic discussions, environmental governance, natural resource conflict, and more. Research may consider how the material and techno-social environments shape dialogic communication practices within them. We also invite consideration of how social identities shape dialogue and who is calling for dialogue in various social situations.

Centering on practice enables consideration of efforts to cultivate and generate dialogue. Practitioners, professionals and all those who value dialogue as a way of talking are invited to share insights gained through experiences and/or scholarship into the practical accomplishment of dialogue. Practitioners may speak to the conditions for, the problems and limits of, and failures in dialogue. These reflections may aim to develop a better set of practices of/in dialogue or question whether dialogue ought to be pursued at all.

In keeping with IADA's general focus on language as dialogue, we also welcome contributions on a wide range of topics and perspectives related to language use that draw on language and social interactional approaches (e.g., conversation analysis, discourse analysis, ethnography of communication, ethnomethodology) or engage broader philosophical discussions of dialogue.



Contributors are also invited to raise questions about connections between practice and dialogue beyond the call for papers.

In an attempt to make the conference accessible, the conference will consist of a wide range of participation possibilities. To make the conference accessible to those unable to travel to the United States, the conference will support options to present online and in-person. Please note this preference when you submit your abstract.

Submit your extended abstract (max. 400 words including potential references) by 15 January 2027. The language of the conference is English.

Full link to submit abstract: <https://forms.gle/XnV1n4RVRQP7pLLM9>

Looking forward to seeing you in Boulder next year!

Best regards

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