Call for papers
ATFLY 2022

WHEN? September 22-23, 2022
WHERE? Online

ORGANIZERS:
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DESCRIPTION
This international conference provides an exchange platform for current empirical insights into the learning and teaching of foreign (rather than second) languages to young learners with a special focus on primary school contexts (age 5-12). The aim is to better understand the factors which contribute to effective and motivating early foreign language teaching and to identify research gaps which need to be tackled in the future. With its clear empirical focus, the conference strives to advance evidence-based insights into early foreign language learning in instructional contexts. While the conference language will be English, research on any target language and from any part of the globe is welcome.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Prof. Dr. Yuko Butler
University of Pennsylvania

Prof. Dr. Florence Myles
University of Essex

Prof. Dr. Norbert Schlüter
University of Leipzig

Prof. Dr. Heiner Böttger
Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt

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The conference organizers would like to invite proposals for 25-minute presentations, followed by 15-minute discussions, that have a clear evidence-based focus. The (new) submission deadline is January 31, 2022.

Criteria for acceptance:

Formal criteria
- Completeness (name of presenter(s), title of the presentation, Abstract: 300-350 words excl. references)
- Clear empirical structure: presentation of background, research questions/aims, research methods and (projected) findings

Content criteria
- Relevance of the study for the scope of the conference (early foreign language teaching in school contexts)
- Coherence and quality of the theoretical background
- Evidence-based design/grounding in empirical data
- Well-founded and plausible research design, including methodological rigor of data analysis

Proposal submission:
Please submit your proposals through the conference website at https://younglearners.uni-wuppertal.de/en/, using the ‘Paper submission’ button at the bottom of the Call for Papers page.

After the conference, there will be the opportunity of publication of select papers in the form of conference proceedings.