ELALT 8 Abstract Guidelines

General requirements

– Abstracts should clearly present the purpose, methodology, key findings, and significance of the work.
– Abstracts must be written in English.
– Abstracts must not exceed 500 words, excluding the title, author information, keywords and references.
– Abstracts must be submitted via email to elaltconference@gmail.com.
– The names of the authors, their email addresses and institutional affiliations should be included in the abstract, before the title.

Formatting requirements

– File format: Microsoft Word (.docx or .doc)
– Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt
– Line spacing: Single
– Indent: No indent
– Text alignment: Justified

A sample of the correctly formatted abstract is provided at the end of this document.

In-text citations

Sources used should be cited within the text by placing the elements (author's surname, year of publication, page number containing the cited passage) in parentheses, separated by a comma and a colon, for example: (Comrie, 1976: 24). The cited source should appear at the end of the sentence, immediately before the period.

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Books

Comrie, B. (1976). *Aspect*. Cambridge University Press.

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Peti-Stantić, A.–Anđel, M.–Gnjidić, V.–Keresteš, G.–Ljubešić, N.–Masnikosa, I. … & Stanojević, M.-M. (2021). The Croatian psycholinguistic database: Estimates for 6000 nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. *Behavior Research Methods*, 53, 1799–1816. doi:10.3758/s13428-020-01533-x

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