

Guidelines for Contributors

Dear Contributor to the Possessives Workshop,

We want to get back to you about our plans for publication of both a US-published volume and a volume published in Russia of contributions from the workshop.

The US-published (GLSA) volume.

We want everyone's papers in the US-published (GLSA) volume, subject to the caveat that this counts as a refereed publication and we reserve the right to ask for changes.

First version (due October 1):

The editors will scan the article for major weaknesses, suggest improvements/cuts, etc. It is thus crucial that you do not send an informal draft, but a copy that approximates the final version as closely as possible. In most cases only minor changes will be necessary; in others, more extensive revisions may be requested. Your article has been accepted on the basis of the abstract; however, in cases where there is a drastic clash in quality between the abstract and the article, the editors reserve the right to reject the article. Such decisions will involve an additional peer reviewer and are not expected to be the rule, in any case.

Final Version (due January 15):

This version should incorporate the reviewers' suggestions and be ready to print.

Length:

For invited speakers, 25 pages. For regular contributed talks, 20 pages. For poster presenters, 14 pages. Format: font not smaller than 12 point Times New Roman (or Times for Mac), paper size 8 1/2 x 11 inch, margins as for NELS: top (1.1" or 2.8 cm), bottom/left (1.5" or 3.8 cm), right (1.0" or 2.5cm), header/footer (0.75" or 1.9 cm).

Mailing in your submissions:

Please mail us (i) a printout of your paper and (ii) an electronic version of your submission on a floppy or a CD-R. Almost any file format compatible with a PC or a Mac will be acceptable, although PDF is by far the most preferred format. Please double-check that you've saved all the special fonts you use along with the paper, and if you have any doubts about the acceptability of a format, please check with us (poss@linguist.umass.edu, cc-ing kjyung@linguist.umass.edu for a prompter response).

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Author's copy:

All participants (including non-presenters) will be notified, once the volume becomes available for sale. At that time, the contributors to the volume will be asked for a mailing address to which a complimentary author's copy can be sent. Unfortunately, our publishers will only be able to provide one author copy per submission; therefore, joint authors should let us know which of the collaborators will be the main contact person.

The Russian volume.

Basic plan:

It will probably be necessary that at least half of the papers in the volume be in Russian, and there will probably be about a 400-page limit on the total volume. The papers may but need not be identical to the versions in the US volume, but should be on the same topic. (Since the papers for the Russian volume will be due some months later than those for the US volume, some authors may wish to include new ideas; and some authors may choose to write differently for the different audiences.)

1) For all those authors (invited speakers, speakers, posters, including those presented in absentia and those accepted but unable to present) who are able to write a version of their own paper in Russian, we request that they please do so. Such papers are guaranteed inclusion in the volume, subject to possible editorial suggestions. We can offer help with style and editing for those who request it (e.g. native speakers of Russian who have not written articles in Russian before.)

2) Of the remaining articles which will appear in English in the GLSA version, probably not all of them will be able to be included among the English papers in the Russian publication. We will certainly include all invited speakers and all papers that relate to Russian, and we hope we can include a good portion of the papers that relate to typology and/or theory. We will include as many of the contributed papers from the regular and poster sessions as we can, but we will indeed have to be selective and/or ask for shortening of some articles.

3) A few English articles could be translated into Russian, both for the benefit of Russian students and to make it easier to meet the requirement of having at least half the articles in Russian without leaving out too many of the articles in English. We will contact individual authors about that possibility; this option is likely to be limited to those authors who know enough Russian to check over the translation, and of course will not be obligatory for anyone.

Preliminary deadline for “intent” for Russian-language papers.

At the same time as the deadline for the first version of the US volume, namely October 1, we would like to know authors’ intentions and possibilities concerning the Russian-language papers for the Russian volume. I.e. Can you/ will you submit a Russian-language version of your paper?

Preliminary deadline for version 1.

We will send out individual invitations for the English-language papers or possibly-to-be-translated-into-Russian papers by October 15, after we know which papers have been sent to us for the US version and have been informed about which Russian-language papers we can expect. We will want the first versions of all papers for the Russian volume by February 15 (tentative deadline). (In the case of translations, we will want to work from the final English versions that we should be receiving by January 15.)

Preliminary deadline for version 2.

Feedback from editors to authors April 1; final revised version due May 15 (tentative deadline.) We need to try to beat the summer lull in publishing.

Length and format.

Length tentatively the same as for the US version. Format to be discussed later. But for the papers in English we will be willing to work with the versions submitted for the US version and to make needed format changes ourselves.

We look forward to having your contributions in our volumes.

Sincerely,

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