



## 30 Years of Text World Theory: A Celebration

2019 marks thirty years since the publication of Paul Werth's influential monograph, *Text Worlds: Representing Conceptual Space in Discourse*. Over the intervening three decades, Text World Theory has become one of the most dynamic and exciting areas of research and teaching in both linguistics and literary studies. A global network of academics and students now uses the framework to examine a wide range of discourses, and their published work has included explorations of oral narrative, newspaper discourse, poetry, children's literature, legal language, narrative fiction, and dramatic texts, to name only a few. Text World Theory is also increasingly being taken up as a pedagogical approach in English classrooms at all levels of education across the UK.

The University of Sheffield is delighted to announce that it will be hosting a two-day symposium on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Paul Werth's inspiring text, as well as the diverse and ground-breaking work being undertaken by the vibrant international community of text-world theorists today.

We invite submissions for 30-minute presentations on any aspect of Text World Theory. Abstracts should be of no more than 500 words (not including references) and should include your name, contact details, and academic affiliation (where appropriate).

Please submit your abstract by email to [textworlds@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:textworlds@sheffield.ac.uk) **before 12 noon on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019**.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent out at the beginning of June and further details of the conference venue and programme will be made available on the Text World Theory website soon afterwards: <https://textworldtheory.org/30-years/>