

TLC 2020 - Call for Papers

The English Department and the Centre for Professional Development of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Niš, are happy to invite you to the Fourth International Conference **Teaching Languages and Cultures in the Post-Method Era: New Insights and Innovations (TLC 2020)**, to be held on October 9-10 2020, at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Niš.

Like the previous three times, we hope that this conference will be a fruitful place for the idea exchange and networking. We invite researchers from different areas, as we witness that the changing nature of learning, reading and information gathering has to be reflected in a joint effort of different disciplines to offer teachers new and redesigned means of teaching.

Both in the region and globally there have been many education reforms and different policies for all levels of studies, but it is still to be seen what those will mean for the student and the teacher. We hope that bringing researchers and practitioners in applied linguistics and language and culture teaching methodology would help them distil the challenges, hear different perspectives and propose innovative solutions.

Professional and administrative requirements have an impact on how both teachers and researchers plan their professional development. Therefore, one of the challenges the conference aims to address is how these requirements influence the choices teachers make in terms of their professional development. Additionally, and as importantly, we would like to explore the ways in which publication requirements affect the nature and purpose of conferences and their proceedings. Therefore, we plan to have a section of the conference addressing these issues specifically, and we invite both researchers and teachers to join this discussion.

The goal of TLC 2020 is to provide a vibrant arena where these different questions can be addressed, and new research findings and views will be exchanged.

We are happy to announce our plenary speakers:



Thor Sawin, Associate Professor, Middlebury Institute of international Studies at Monterey (MIIS), USA. A linguist, applied linguist, and teacher of English and German as a foreign language, **at MIIS**, he primarily teaches courses on second language acquisition, linguistic analysis, language and society, language and social media, and applications of technology to language learning. Dr. Sawin has presented research at over 30 refereed international and several regional conferences on topics within language teaching, multilingualism, and international development and served as an organizer and strand coordinator for the American Association for Applied Linguistics conference.



Milica Savić, Associate Professor of English, the Department of Education and Sports Science, Faculty of Arts and Education, University of Stavanger, Norway. She has taught courses in English Phonetics and Phonology, Methodology of TEFL, Politeness in a Second Language and professional development courses for English teachers. Her current research interests include interlanguage pragmatics, especially (meta)pragmatic development in young second language learners, and linguistic politeness, particularly email communication in English, as well as pragmatics instruction in EFL contexts. She has presented at 25 international conferences, and published a number of research papers in peer-reviewed journals, such as *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Intercultural Pragmatics* and *Journal of Intercultural Communication*.

Proposals are invited for individual (or co-authored) papers and workshops on theoretical or applied aspects of foreign language learning and teaching, including (but not limited to) teaching methodologies, developing (intercultural) communicative competence, assessing language and culture, teacher training and professional development, and language policies.

We encourage submissions that approach these topics from various perspectives; we also welcome presentations on topics from any other field or discipline related to or reflected in language and culture teaching.

Although we are devoted to promoting linguistic and cultural diversity, for practical reasons of communicating across languages **the official language of the conference is English.**

Each **presentation** will be allotted **20 minutes**, 15 minutes for the presentation followed by 5 minutes for discussion.

Workshops will be organized as **60-minute sessions**, and the number of participants will be limited by the workshop author(s).

Abstracts submission:

A 300-word abstract/ workshop description should be uploaded via the conference webpage (<http://tlcnis.weebly.com/>), following the instructions given there. The information uploaded should include: the author(s) **full name, title, affiliation** and contact **address; paper title**, up to **5 key words**, and the abstract text.

Important dates:

Early abstract submission deadline (both presentations and workshops) for those who want to know the results of the review earlier for travel plans and/or grant applications: **June 15th 2020**

Notification of acceptance for early submission: **July 1st 2020**

Abstract submission deadline: **August 1st 2020**

Notification of acceptance: **September 1st 2020**

Conference fee of 50 EUR includes the book of abstracts, conference program, refreshments, lunch, certificate of participation, and publishing costs for the conference Proceedings. The fee can be paid on site or via the Faculty of Philosophy bank account. Early registration is encouraged, but not required.

PhD students presenting at the conference will be offered a reduced fee of 20 EUR.

Payment details

Domestic participants should pay the conference fee in dinars based on the exchange rates of NBS on the day of payment, to:

the Faculty of Philosophy Niš

bank account **840-1818666-89**

reference number **74212138**

the purpose of payment: **conference fee for Teaching Languages and Cultures conference,**

Foreign participants should pay the conference fee in **euros** to

the Faculty of Philosophy Niš

foreign account **500100-100146351**

SWIFT: NBSRRSBG

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The participants are kindly asked to keep the receipt of the conference fee payment and to have it with them at registration.

The fee can also be paid in cash during registration.

IMPORTANT: All conference participants (co-authors and authors both) are required to pay the conference fee.

Conference venue: The conference will be hosted by the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Niš, situated at the heart of the town, at No 2, Ćirila i Metodija Street.

Accommodation and travelling arrangements: Useful information about accommodation in Niš and different travelling options can be found at the official Niš Tourist Bureau site at <http://www.visitnis.com/>

For any questions, contact us at tlcnis2014@gmail.com