



## 2nd Student Conference Nurturing Critical Minds: Linguistic and Intercultural Research

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**Venue:** Faculty of Philology, Universiteto Str. 5, Vilnius, Lithuania

### PROGRAMME

8.40 – 9.00	<b>Registration Venue:</b> by K. Donelaitis aud. Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/Student-Conference26">https://bit.ly/Student-Conference26</a>
9.00 – 9.30	<b>Conference Opening</b> <b>Venue:</b> K. Donelaitis aud., Faculty of Philology Vice-Dean for Studies of the Faculty of Philology <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr Gintarė JUDŽENTYTĖ-ŠINKŪNIENĖ</b> Chair of the <i>English and Another Foreign Language Study Programme</i> Committee, Faculty of Philology <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr Dalius JARMALAVIČIUS</b>
<b>Keynote Forum</b> Chair - <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr Loreta Chodzkienė</b> <b>Venue:</b> K. Donelaitis aud., Faculty of Philology	
9.30 – 10.00	<b>Her Excellency Jeanette Sautner</b> (Ambassador of Canada to Lithuania, Embassy of Canada to Lithuania) (details to follow)
10.00 – 10.30	<b>Assoc. Prof. Dr Robin Gingerich</b> (Department Chair, LCC International University (Lithuania)) <b>Research: Asking Critical Questions</b>

10.30 – 11.00	Coffee/Tea Break (by K. Donelaitis aud.)				
<b>Parallel Panel Sessions</b>					
	<p><b>Panel Session 1</b>  Chair: Ronaldas Jankowski  Co-chair: Prof. Dr Julija Korostenskienė</p> <p>Venue: K. Donelaitis Faculty of Philology</p> <p>Link:  <a href="https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-1">https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-1</a></p>	<p><b>Panel Session 2</b>  Chair: Marta Janavičiūtė  Co-chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr Svetozar Poštić</p> <p>Venue: 109 Faculty of Philology</p> <p>Link:  <a href="https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-2">https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-2</a></p>	<p><b>Panel Session 3</b>  Chair: Aironas Ščelys  Co-chair: Assist. Dr Dalia Pinkevičienė</p> <p>Venue: UK2 Faculty of Philology</p> <p>Link:  <a href="https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-3">https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-3</a></p>	<p><b>Panel Session 4</b>  Chair: Meda Lialytė  Co-chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr Loreta Chodzkienė</p> <p>Venue: 123 Faculty of Philology</p> <p>Link:  <a href="https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-4">https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-4</a></p>	<p><b>Panel Session 5</b>  Chair: Agnė Čepulytė  Co-chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr Lina Bikelienė</p> <p>Venue: 127 Faculty of Philology</p> <p>Link:  <a href="https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-5">https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-5</a></p>
11.00 – 11.20	<p><b>Emma Chisci</b>  <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i>  <i>(Erasmus)</i>  <i>University of Pisa, Italy</i></p> <p><b>The Manuscript Family Used for Ronto’s Latin <i>Translatio</i> of Dante’s <i>Comedy</i></b></p>	<p><b>Ugnė Gudaitytė</b>  <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>Blurring Reality and Representation in Benjamin Ree’s <i>The Painter and the Thief</i></b></p>	<p><b>Erika Voloncevič</b>  <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>Cross-Cultural Variations in Conceptual Metaphors of Silence in English and Lithuanian</b></p>	<p><b>Livija Sagadinaitė</b>  <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>Translation Strategies in English–Lithuanian Animated Movie Trailers</b></p>	<p><b>Justina Jakštaitė</b>  <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>A Lexical Comparison of AI-Generated Texts: Investigating Patterns Across Gemini, Claude, and LLaMA</b></p>
11.20 – 11.40	<p><b>Meda Meilutytė</b>  <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>English–Lithuanian Code-Switching: A Study of Social Media Communication</b></p>	<p><b>Aleksandra Gabrysiak</b>  <i>Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland</i></p> <p><b>Language Preferences and Identity Formation among Polish Students in Lithuania (online)</b></p>	<p><b>Ieva Lukauskaitė</b>  <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>A Comparative Multimodal Discourse Analysis of Self-Representation by a Lithuanian and an American Influencer on Instagram</b></p>	<p><b>Ieva Jasiulevič</b>  <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>Politeness in Apology Strategies: A Corpus-Based Study of English and Lithuanian Communication</b></p>	<p><b>Ugnė Guzevičiūtė</b>  <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>Political Polarization Through Metaphorical Framing in Online Discourse: A Study of Conceptual Metaphor Use in Discussions of Charlie Kirk’s Death</b></p>

11.40 – 12.00	<p><b>Johannes Thober</b> <i>LCC International University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>A Comparative Analysis of the Translation of CSIs from C.S. Lewis <i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> into German and Brazilian Portuguese</b></p>	<p><b>Elene Dzidziguri</b> <i>LCC International University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>Exploring Washback in Teachers' Perceptions of the Unified National Exams in Georgia</b></p>	<p><b>Nunu Kuprava</b> <i>LCC International University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>From Curiosity to Commitment: Exploring Motivational Factors of Adult English Language Learners in Lithuania</b></p>	<p><b>Viltė Raščiauskaitė</b> <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>Code-Switching in K-Pop, Latin Music, and Hip Hop: A Sociopragmatic Analysis of Multilingual Lyrics</b></p>	<p><b>Aizhan Konyrova &amp; Madina Ramazan</b> <i>A.K. Kussayinov Eurasian Humanities Institute, Kazakhstan</i></p> <p><b>Developing Intercultural Communicative Competence through Foreign Language Education (online)</b></p>
12.00 – 12.20	<p><b>Alemkhan Yussupov</b> <i>A.K. Kussayinov Eurasian Humanities Institute, Kazakhstan</i></p> <p><b>Developing Intercultural Communicative Competence in the EFL Classroom (online)</b></p>	<p><b>Justina Ubartaitė</b> <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p><b>The Influence of English Loanwords on German Advertising: A Linguistic and Cultural Perspective</b></p>	<p><b>Aifara Kabildina</b> <i>A.K. Kussayinov Eurasian Humanities Institute, Kazakhstan</i></p> <p><b>The Impact of Globalization on Language and Communication (online)</b></p>	<p><b>Shugyla Kudaibergen</b> <i>A.K. Kussayinov Eurasian Humanities Institute, Kazakhstan</i></p> <p><b>Decoding Dialogue: Using AI to Uncover Implicit Meanings in TV Series for Language Learning (online)</b></p>	<p><b>Zere Akzholova</b> <i>A.K. Kussayinov Eurasian Humanities Institute, Kazakhstan</i></p> <p><b>Using Artificial Intelligence in Teaching and Learning (online)</b></p>
12.20 – 13.00	Coffee/Tea Break (by K. Donelaitis aud.)				
13.00 – 13.30	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <p>Venue: K. Donelaitis aud., Faculty of Philology</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/Conference-Closing">https://bit.ly/Conference-Closing</a></p>				