



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

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23 April 2026

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

PROGRAMME

8.40 – 9.00	Registration Venue: by K. Donelaitis aud. Link: https://bit.ly/Student-Conference26
9.00 – 9.30	Conference Opening Venue: K. Donelaitis aud., Faculty of Philology Vice-Dean for Studies of the Faculty of Philology Assoc. Prof. Dr Gintarė JUDŽENTYTĖ-ŠINKŪNIENĖ Chair of the <i>English and Another Foreign Language</i> Study Programme Committee, Faculty of Philology Assoc. Prof. Dr Dalius JERMALAVIČIUS
Keynote Forum Chair - Assoc. Prof. Dr Loreta Chodzkienė Venue: K. Donelaitis aud., Faculty of Philology	
9.30 – 10.00	Agnes Frances Pust (Deputy Head of Mission and Counsellor, Embassy of Canada to Lithuania)
10.00 – 10.30	Assoc. Prof. Dr Robin Gingerich (Department Chair, LCC International University (Lithuania)) Research: Asking Critical Questions

10.30 – 11.00	Coffee/Tea Break (by K. Donelaitis aud.)				
Parallel Panel Sessions					
	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Session 1 Chair: Co-chair:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: K. Donelaitis Faculty of Philology</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link: https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Session 2 Chair: Co-chair:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: 109 Faculty of Philology</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link: https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Session 3 Chair: Co-chair:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: UK2 Faculty of Philology</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link: https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Session 4 Chair: Co-chair:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: 123 Faculty of Philology</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link: https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Session 5 Chair: Co-chair:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: 127 Faculty of Philology</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link: https://bit.ly/Panel-Session-5</p>
11.00 – 11.20	<p style="text-align: center;">Emma Chisci <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i> <i>(Erasmus)</i> <i>University of Pisa, Italy</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Manuscript Family Used for Ronto's Latin <i>Translatio</i> of Dante's <i>Comedy</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ugnė Gudaitytė <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Blurring Reality and Representation in Benjamin Ree's <i>The Painter and the Thief</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Erika Voloncevič <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cross-Cultural Variations in Conceptual Metaphors of Silence in English and Lithuanian</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Livija Sagadinaitė <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Translation Strategies in English–Lithuanian Animated Movie Trailers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Justina Jakštaitė <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Lexical Comparison of AI-Generated Texts: Investigating Patterns Across Gemini, Claude, and LLaMA</p>
11.20 – 11.40	<p style="text-align: center;">Meda Meilutytė <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">English–Lithuanian Code-Switching: A Study of Social Media Communication</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Aleksandra Gabrysiak <i>Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Language Preferences and Identity Formation among Polish Students in Lithuania (online)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ieva Lukauskaitė <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Comparative Multimodal Discourse Analysis of Self-Representation by a Lithuanian and an American Influencer on Instagram</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ieva Jasiulevič <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Politeness in Apology Strategies: A Corpus-Based Study of English and Lithuanian Communication</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ugnė Guzevičiūtė <i>Vilnius University, Lithuania</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Metaphorical Framing of Political Figures in Online Discourse: Reactions to Charlie Kirk's Death</p>

<p>11.40 – 12.00</p>	<p>Johannes Thober LCC International University, Lithuania 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</p>	<p>Elene Dzidziguri LCC International University, Lithuania Exploring Washback in Teachers' Perceptions of the Unified National Exams in Georgia</p>	<p>Nunu Kuprava LCC International University, Lithuania From Curiosity to Commitment: Exploring Motivational Factors of Adult English Language Learners in Lithuania</p>	<p>Viltė Raščiauskaitė Vilnius University, Lithuania Code-Switching in K-Pop, Latin Music, and Hip Hop: A Sociopragmatic Analysis of Multilingual Lyrics</p>	<p>Aizhan Konyrova & Madina Ramazan A.K. Kussayinov Eurasian Humanities Institute, Kazakhstan Developing Intercultural Communicative Competence through Foreign Language Education (online)</p>
<p>12.00 – 12.20</p>	<p>Alemkhan Yussupov A.K. Kussayinov Eurasian Humanities Institute, Kazakhstan Developing Intercultural Communicative Competence in the EFL Classroom (online)</p>	<p>Justina Ubartaitė Vilnius University, Lithuania The Influence of English Loanwords on German Advertising: A Linguistic and Cultural Perspective</p>	<p>Aifara Kabildina A.K. Kussayinov Eurasian Humanities Institute, Kazakhstan The Impact of Globalization on Language and Communication (online)</p>	<p>Shugyla Kudaibergen A.K. Kussayinov Eurasian Humanities Institute, Kazakhstan Decoding Dialogue: Using AI to Uncover Implicit Meanings in TV Series for Language Learning (online)</p>	<p>Zere Akzholova A.K. Kussayinov Eurasian Humanities Institute, Kazakhstan Using Artificial Intelligence in Teaching and Learning (online)</p>
<p>12.30 – 13.00</p>	<p>Coffee/Tea Break (by K. Donelaitis aud.)</p>				
<p>13.00 – 13.30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Session</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: K. Donelaitis aud., Faculty of Philology</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Link: https://bit.ly/Conference-Closing</p>				