6th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM *LANGUAGE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION* (LINCS)

Organized by the University of Latvia (Latvia)
in association with
Le Mans University (France)
TRANS-CULTURAL ECOSYSTEMS: LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND LITERATURE

Riga, 9-10 May 2024

Call for Papers

We are pleased to invite you to the Sixth International Symposium *Language for International Communication (LINCS)* titled "**Trans-cultural ecosystems: language, culture, and literature**" to be held in **Riga** on **May 9-10, 2024**.

The International Symposium *Language for International Communication* has been an integral part of the research ecosystem of the Department of English Studies, the Centre for Applied Linguistics, and the Department of Romance Studies at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Latvia since 2009. At the conference "Transcultural Perspectives in Language, Literature and Culture in the 21st century" at Le Mans University (France) organized in association with the University of Latvia on May 19-20, 2022, the topic of transculturality opened broad perspectives on the study of discourses.

Through discourses, people generate and transmit knowledge on a variety of issues, including climate change, environmental sustainability, conservation, endangered species, and eco-inequality. Moreover, it has been recognized that language as part of ecosystems may not only influence our thoughts, ideas, ideologies, and worldview but also affect our behaviour. In this regard, language, culture, and literature play a prominent role in encouraging the protection of environment and promoting more eco-friendly living, so eco-transculturality can appear valuable in environmental humanities and central to transcultural ecocriticism. This symposium aims at a close examination of these trans-cultural ecosystems.

We invite papers that explore language use and meaning creation in fiction or non-fiction marked by a transcultural worldview and a particular sensibility to eco-issues.

We invite submissions on but not limited to the following topics:

- Metaphor and its fundamental usefulness: ecology of language
- Meaning creation in interaction
- Linguistic and cultural diversity in specific socio-political settings
- Education and classroom practices: ecology of language
- Diversities in new technology use in language, culture and literature
- Multilingual language policies in sociopolitical, economic, and cultural environments
- Environmental discourse: narrative of climate change
- Eco-transcultural theory
- Transcultural eco-poetics; ecology and transcultural life-writing; transcultural eco-art
- Eco-transculturality in philosophical nomadism
- Lexicology, lexicography, terminology

Keynote speakers

Piotr Cap, Professor and Chair of Pragmatics, University of Lodz, Poland
Hubert Zapf, Professor of American Literature and Co-Director of Environmental Humanities at the University of Augsburg, Germany

Working languages

English, French, and Spanish

Format of the symposium

At the moment, we are planning for the symposium to take place as an in-person event.

Abstract submission

Abstracts of 250 to 300 words should be submitted by **February 12, 2024**
(For further information regarding abstract submission and format, please visit the symposium website 6th International Symposium Language for International Communication (LINCS) (9-May 10, 2024): Call for Papers · Conferences of the University of Latvia (Indico) (lu.lv)
starting **September 25, 2023**)
All abstracts will be blind peer reviewed. The accepted abstracts will be available on the Symposium website in a *Book of Abstracts* before the symposium.

Important Dates

Submission of abstracts (online): **February 12, 2024**
Notification of acceptance of abstracts: **March 12, 2024**
Registration is opened from **March 20, 2024** (see the registration form on the Symposium website for details).
Registration is closed on **April 20, 2024**

Manuscript submission for review: **October 1, 2024**

All papers submitted for the Symposium will be blind peer reviewed. The papers having positive reviews will be published in the Proceedings *Language for International Communication. Trans-Cultural Ecosystems: Language, Culture, and Literature* (this publication will be submitted for evaluation for its inclusion in the Web of Science (Conference Proceedings Citation Index) and EBSCO databases (Communication Source and Central & Eastern Europe Academic Source)) and on the symposium website. Selected manuscripts will be published in a special issue of the international scientific journal *Baltic Journal of English Language, Literature and Culture*, covered in ERIH PLUS, Web of Science: Emerging Source Citation Index, Scopus.

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Symposium fee (paid by bank transfer)

Symposium presenter regular fee: **EUR 100.00** (**after March 12, 2024**). In case of several co-authors, the fee for each co-author: **EUR 60.00**
Early bird presenter fee: **EUR 70.00** (**by March 12, 2024**). In case of several co-authors, the fee for each co-author: **EUR 50.00**

Extra paper fee: **EUR 40.00**
Fee for doctoral study programme students as speakers: **EUR 50.00**
Bachelor and master study programme students-participants affiliated with the University of Latvia and Le Mans University are exempt from paying the symposium fee except when choosing to attend the opening reception, upon that, the fee is set [the fee will be specified by the registration]
Symposium attendee fee: **EUR 30.00**
The fee covers – attendance at the symposium sessions, symposium materials, abstracts published in a book of abstracts, the opening reception, coffee breaks and publication of the paper.
The symposium fee is payable by bank transfer by **April 12, 2024.**