

2026 Multilingualism and Diversity Student Conference

8 July 2026, online

9:00-10:30 BST/10:00-11:30 CEST: **Opening & 'MultiDiv' Presentations**

Break: 10:30-10:45 BST/11:30-11:45 CEST

10:45-12:00 BST/11:45-13:00 CEST – Panel 1: **Multilingualism in Literature**

Julian Zhara - UNIVE: The New Albanian Novel and the Contemporary Imaginary

Naoufal Tarhouchi - VUB: Between Page and Voice: Multilingual Poetic Performance as a Postcolonial Act of Linguistic Resistance in Michele Lalonde's "Speak White"

Beatrice Colina - UNIVE: The Sense of Plurality in Gloria Anzaldúa's Language and Identity

Valentina Ferreri - UNIVE: La traducción del humor en la literatura infantil: un análisis comparativo entre la traducción humana y la automática de Los trapos sucios – Manolito Gafotas de Elvira Lindo

12:00-13:00 BST/13:00-14:00 CEST: Lunch

13:00-14:00 BST/14:00-15:00 CEST – Panel 2: **Language and Identity**

Julija Kos - UL: Attitudes and Language Ideologies of Jamaicans in Brussels.

Daniëlle Carolus - SU: Stolen or intercepted: How (Afri)Kaaps and Afrikaans are at odds in a case of identity making

Pham Thi Le Na, Truong Vu Quynh Vi, and Nguyen Phuong Thao - ULIS: Negotiating Gender Identity Through Code-Switching Among Vietnamese Gen Z In Multilingual Digital Communication

Break: 14:00-14:10 BST/15:00-15:10 CEST

14:10-15:10 BST/15:10-16:10 CEST – Panel 3: **Perspectives on Bilingualism**

Simonetta Angelillis - UNIVE: Perspectives on Bilingualism

Justine den Ouden - VUB: Metaphor processing in L1 vs. L2 Spanish speakers

Valentina Alves Menezes Andrade - VUB: Bilingual voices, monolingual outputs: a study on the pragmatic limits of LLM Translation of Chilean Spanish–English code-switched texts

Break: 15:10-15:20 BST/16:10-16:20 CEST

15:20-16:20 BST/16:20-17:20 CEST – Panel 4: **Perspectives on Multilingualism**

Dorottya Ambrus - UBB: The native language as a challenge in a multilingual context.

Cerise Louisa Andrews - UW: Doing Language Differently: Perspectives on Multilingualism from 11 Teachers of English as a Target Language

Amalia Dilruba Røben - VUB: Multilingual Speech Perception and Production: a Systematic Review of Finding and Methodological Inconsistencies

Break: 16:20-16:30 BST/17:20-17:30 CEST

16:30-17:30 BST/17:30-18:30 CEST – Panel 5: **Multilingualism in HE and LLL**

Luc Hoang - VUB: Language Barriers and Academic Achievement of Vietnamese International Students in English-Medium Instruction (EMI) Classrooms at a University in Belgium

Jillian Joy John - SU: Navigating Institutional Hierarchies: Multilingualism, Liminality, and Belonging in a University Writing Centre

Anastasios Tsoumpi Liliopoulos - VUB: La bella lingua in the heart of Europe: A quantitative analysis of motivational factors among students of Italian as a Foreign Language within the multilingual context of Brussels

17:30 BST/18:30 CEST – Concluding remarks

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