

10th Languages for Specific Purposes in Higher Education conference – LSPHE 2025

The Evolving Landscape of Languages for Specific Purposes in Higher Education

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Venue: Faculty of Organizational Sciences, University of Belgrade, Serbia
154 Jove Ilića, Belgrade Serbia



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The annual conference Languages for Specific Purposes in Higher Education (LSPHE), started in 2015 as a joint effort between the University of Manchester and Cambridge University to bring together LSP practitioners from around the UK and beyond. LSPHE currently serves as a Special Interest Group for the Association of University Language Centres in the UK and Ireland.

The conference has taken place at the following institutions: The University of Manchester (2015), University of Cambridge (2016), University of Oxford (2017), University of Leeds (2018), Imperial College London (2019), The Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy (2021), University of York (2022), KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden (2023), and Durham (CercleS focus group, 2024). This year, it is hosted by the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Organizational Sciences.

The main aim of the conference is to provide an arena for the exchange of the latest insights from the field of LSP by providing an opportunity for the participants to present their most recent research, both theoretical and practical. We hope that this year's topic **The Evolving Landscape of Languages for Specific Purposes in Higher Education** will inspire colleagues to share ways of overcoming new challenges posed by rapid changes in today's world but also point to new opportunities which emerge from this vibrant global landscape.

The conference themes will focus on, but are not limited to, the following:

- Teaching practice & methodology
- Embedding LSP elements in general/multidisciplinary courses
- Developing students' skills
- Curriculum design
- Assessment
- ICT and innovation
- Teacher's role and skills

On behalf of the Organizing committee,
Jan Bogdanovic, University of Cambridge/DAAD, U.K.
Benoît Guilbaud, University of Sussex, U.K.
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Marija Meršnik, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Keynote Speakers



**Elisabet
Arnó-Macià**

Elisabet Arnó-Macià is Associate Professor of English for Specific Purposes at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (Barcelona, Spain). Her research interests include technical and academic communication, the use of technology in languages for specific purposes, and internationalization and multilingualism in higher education, in particular the implementation of English-Medium Instruction. Her publications include the journal articles in *The Modern Language Journal*, *English for Specific Purposes*, *Journal of English for Academic Purposes*, *Language Learning Journal*, among others. She has recently co-edited a special issue of the *Journal of Virtual Exchange* and the *Routledge Handbook of Spanish for Specific Purposes*. She has actively been involved in innovative teaching projects. She has been a participant in the TAPP (Trans-Atlantic and Pacific Project), a virtual exchange network. More recently, she has coordinated two Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programmes. She is a member of different professional associations and has served as President (2009-2015) of AELFE (*European Association of Languages for Specific Purposes*).



**Prof. Dr.
Claudia Harsch**

Prof. Dr. Claudia Harsch is a professor at the Faculty of Languages and Literature at the University of Bremen, Germany and Academic and Managing Director at the Languages Centre for the Universities in the Land of Bremen (SZHB), Germany. Her research interests focus on language assessment, educational evaluation and measurement, language and migration, the development of language assessment literacy, and the implementation of the Common European Framework (CEF). In her research, she explores aspects like feasible ways to foster language assessment literacy, the relation between language and migration, linguistic preparedness in academic contexts, qualitative methods of constructing language tests and teaching materials, the development and validation of tools for educational evaluation, or the assessment of writing skills.

Throughout her career, Prof. Harsch has been actively involved in teacher training worldwide and has held significant leadership roles in professional associations. She is currently the outgoing president of the *International Language Testing Association* (ILTA) and was the president of ILTA from 2023 to 2024. She previously served as president of the *European Association for Language Testing and Assessment* (EALTA) from 2016 to 2019. Before her tenure at the University of Bremen, Prof. Harsch worked in both Germany and the United Kingdom, including positions at the University of Warwick and Humboldt-Universität in Berlin. Her diverse experiences and extensive publication record have contributed to her expertise in language learning, teaching, and assessment, making her a respected authority in the scientific community.

Publication Options

BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

The accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference **Book of Abstracts**, which will be available in **print and online**.

JOURNAL ARTICLE

Selected papers will be published in a special issue of *Komunikacija i kultura online*, a double-blind peer-reviewed journal of Faculty of Education, University of Belgrade and FOKUS – Forum for intercultural communication. The journal is indexed in **SCOPUS, ERIH+, MIAR, CIRC and DOAJ**. The journal is categorized with a national category of **M53 for year 2023** by the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation of the Republic of Serbia.

Important Dates

Abstract submission:

Abstract submission deadline: ~~April 15, 2025~~ May 1, 2025

Notification of abstract acceptance: **June 1, 2025**

Abstracts should be between **200-250** words in length.

Abstracts should be submitted in English and, where applicable, another language (French, German, Russian, Italian, Spanish).

Please send your abstracts via [this link](#).

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email: isphe2025@fon.bg.ac.rs.

Registration and conference fees:

Early bird: **120 € (by July 15, 2025)**

Standard registration: **140 € (by September 1, 2025)**

The conference fee includes a conference kit, a certificate of attendance, coffee breaks, and lunch on both days of the conference.

Payment instructions will be available after the notification of abstract acceptance.