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## **Didactics of Foreign Languages and Cultures: From Language Policies to Approaches for Multilingual Competence**

**Date: 23-24 October 2023**

**Location: Faculty of Foreign Languages, Tirana**

This conference invites scholars, different stakeholders in the field of teaching, such as policymakers, institutional leaders, social workers, trainers, teachers who wish to put the issue of foreign language didactics at the center of research, professionalism and political action and participate in a joint reflection event on the latest scientific developments and professional experiences in the field of didactics of foreign languages and cultures.

### **Topics of the conference:**

#### **1. Multilingualism in the Balkan context and the profile of language education policy**

The place and role of foreign languages and languages of national minorities in the educational system and the implementation of European conventions.

Historical approach to the didactics of foreign languages and cultures from the beginning of the twentieth century till now in the Balkans.





## 5. Innovation and digitization in foreign language teaching/learning: current practices

Considering digital innovation as a component of didactics and learning is no longer a novelty. The hybridization of learning/training, the use of digital tools in the classroom or the development and evolution of learning through digital learning platforms naturally calls for reflection on their effective contribution on the learning process and on the upcoming developments for learners/students taking into account the complexity of contexts and aiming for the intertwining of approaches (open science, MOOCs, etc.).

Acknowledging and implementing the CEFR Companion Volume descriptors regarding the digital competences of learners, students, and teachers according to levels from A1-C2.

## 6. Initial and continual professional development of foreign language teachers conform to the current standards for the teacher profession.

What initial and/or continual professional development training should be provided to foreign language teachers so that the complexity of situations is taken into consideration, and it responds to the demands of the public?

Introducing and training teachers in relation to the methodological innovations and documents of the Council of Europe in the field of didactics of languages and cultures for the acquisition of *multilingual and intercultural competences* such as CEFR as well as its Companion Volume, which emphasizes *language mediation* as a tool for the acquisition of multilingual and multicultural competence in the classroom.

Mapping professional competences of foreign language teachers.

## 7. Quality of foreign language teaching and assessment.

Methods, didactic tools, contemporary classroom practices for a functional and qualitative teaching. Indicators for measuring the quality of teaching and achievements of learners/students in relation to international certification levels. Training of teachers and lecturers for competence-based assessment and testing of multilingual skills for students, based on fair and transparent criteria according to European standards.



Promotion of educational and decision-making policies in favor of drafting national tests according to European standards that are internationally recognized as admission tests to national and international universities.

Please click on the following link to submit your abstracts:

<https://forms.office.com/e/wAuD4pR15r>

Important dates:

**Abstract submission: June 30th, 2023**

**Notification of acceptance: July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023** (Conference papers will be published after their collection and pre-evaluation by the Scientific Committee).

Conference languages: **Albanian/Foreign language.**

Conference is planned to be held in person and “online”.

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