



ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΚΡΗΤΗΣ
UNIVERSITY OF CRETE

1st International Conference “Language, Literature and Education”

Department of Preschool Education, Faculty of Education, University of Crete

It is a great pleasure to announce the 1st International Conference “Language, Literature & Education” which will be organized and hosted by the Department of Preschool Education of the University of Crete, Faculty of Education, University of Crete.

In the context of this first conference emphasis will be put on aspects stemming from the interrelation between language and literature. Despite the fact that literature is intrinsically connected with language, since words represent “its material”, “as stone or bronze is of sculpture, paints of pictures, or sounds of music¹”, their relation is often overlooked as self-evident. Especially in the horizon of expectations of the 21st century with the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), the emergence of new codes of communication, the increase of intercultural contacts, the rejection of social and gender stereotypes, revisiting the language “idiom” of literary discourse appears not only useful but also imperative.

In this light, the conference aims at the exploration of aspects such as the use of dialects in literature, language in the context of different literary genres, language in children’s books, the literary style of specific authors / poets, language as a vehicle of ideology in literature, the dialogue between literary language and other communicational codes used within other arts, the representation of children’s idiolect in literary texts, language and gender identity etc. In addition, topics of language and literature teaching in both primary or secondary education are of great interest for us, since along with the intersection of language and literature, techniques,

¹ R. Wellek, A. Warren, *Theory of Literature. A Seminal Study of the Nature and Function of Literature in All its Contexts*, London, Penguin Books 1993, 22.

strategies and methods for the teaching either of language and literature as separate fields or of their combination fall within the broader scope of the conference.

The conference is addressed to researchers working on language, literature, their combination and their relevance to education. Indicative thematic circles of the conference are the following:

- *Language diversity and teaching*
- *Language diversity and literature*
- *The language question in literature and education*
- *Teaching of first and second languages*
- *Language, literature and (multi)literacies*
- *Literature and linguistic landscapes*
- *Styles and language teaching*
- *Digital tools & AI in the teaching of language and literature*
- *Literature in the school curricula*
- *Language, literature & school books*
- *Language in children's / young adult literature*
- *Children's idiolect / "the voices" of children in literature*
- *Language and metaphor in literature*
- *Language and poetic discourse*
- *Language and pictures in children's books*
- *Language and (gender) identity in literature*
- *Language in folk literature*
- *Language in different literary genres*
- *Language and metrics*
- *Language in literary translation*
- *Language in literary adaptations*
- *Language and humor in literature*
- *The language of irony in Literature*
- *Language in satire and parody*

- Days of the conference: 13-15 November 2026
- Conference venue: University of Crete, University Campus, Gallos, Rethymno, Crete.
- Conference languages: Greek, English
- Local organizers: Maria Karaiskou & Marina Tzakosta
- Contact: lle1ptpe.uoc@gmail.com
- Secretary: Evgenia Filoiti

- Scientific Committee: TBA
- Invited Speakers: TBA

- Abstract submission Deadline: 31.05.2026

- Abstract submission form:

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Abstract template:

300-350 words (excluding references). The aim of the paper, the research questions, the methodology, the (expected) outcomes should be clearly stated. 5-8 keywords should follow the abstract. A brief CV should also accompany the submission.

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