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First Call for Papers: International Conference

EARLY AND BEGINNERS' FOREIGN LANGUAGE LEARNING IN PRIMARY FORMAL EDUCATION

Venue: Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade

Date: October 7-8, 2016

The Faculty of Philology of the University of Belgrade, the Association for the Serbian/French Cultural Cooperation, and the Association for Foreign Languages and Literatures of Serbia are pleased to invite you to take part in a conference on **EARLY AND BEGINNERS' FOREIGN LANGUAGE LEARNING IN PRIMARY FORMAL EDUCATION**.

The conference commemorates the 50th anniversary of presence of early childhood foreign language learning and teaching in the Serbian formal educational system, which was introduced upon the initiative of the Association for Serbian/French Cultural Cooperation in 1966.

Foreign language teaching has since its introduction into formal educational systems been producing a legion of innovations which in recent times focus on issues such as Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL), collaborative learning, digitalization and social media in language learning and teaching, etc. On the other hand, foreign language learning has always been faced with a number of serious challenges. Some of those affecting us in the 21st century are related to the special status of English as an global lingua franca with so far unprecedented presence in foreign language classrooms all over the world, which often leads to a neglect of linguistic diversity in formal educational systems (of other foreign languages, regional, minority and migrant languages). This conference focuses on foreign language learning in pre-school education and in initial stages of primary education as well as on beginners' foreign language learning in upper levels of primary education.

The conference organizers invite you to submit proposals for presentations which are focused on, but not limited to the following themes:

1. Early and beginners' foreign language education and language education policy and planning
2. Second language acquisition theory related to early and beginners' language learning in primary formal education
3. Methodological issues in early and beginners' language learning in primary formal education

4. Examples of good practice in early and beginners' language learning in primary formal education
5. CLIL in early and beginners' language learning in primary formal education
6. Serbian as L2/FL in primary formal education
7. Minority, regional and migrant language learning and teaching in primary formal education

The conference abstracts should be no longer than 250 words and keywords. The proposal should include presenter(s) name(s), affiliation(s) and e-mail addresses. Working languages of the conference are: Serbian, French and English. Authors may choose to present in e.g., Serbian, and have a power point presentation in e.g., English or French, in order to assure better transfer of information. The organizing committee offers to help with the translations of power point presentations sent before due date (August 31, 2016).

There will also be a poster session targeting Ph.D. students working in the area of applied linguistics and the above cited general themes. Interested parties are invited to submit their proposals for the poster session following the instructions from the previous paragraph.

Submissions should be sent to: ebfl12016@gmail.com

Registration fee: 50 euros (in dinars, local currency) for the participants who present papers
30 euros (in dinars, local currency) for the participants who do not present papers

Important dates:

April 30, 2016: deadline for abstract submission

May 30, 2016: notification by the conference organizing committee regarding abstract acceptance

August 31, 2016: deadline for submission of power point presentations that authors wish to present in one of the three languages and have them translated into another one of those three languages

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Selected papers based on conference presentations will be published in a thematic monograph during the summer of 2017.

Co-presidents of the Scientific and Organizing Committees:

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