

**SEVENTH BELGRADE INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF
ENGLISH PHONETICIANS
(BIMEP 2026)**

MEETING ROOM: Sala za sednice (1st floor, Old Building, Faculty of Philology)

Conference Programme

FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2026

09:00–09:30 Registration

09:45 Opening Ceremony

SESSION 1 – Accent and L2 Speech (10:00–11:30)

10:00–10:30 Rias van den Doel – *Accent and Acceptability*

10:30–11:00 Zuzanna Cal & Jolanta Sypiańska – *More Motivation = More Fluent Speech?
Examining Motivation as a Predictor of L2 Speech Fluency*

11:00–11:30 Hui-Ju Tsai & Biljana Čubrović – *Accent Attitudes among Taiwanese University
Students: A Verbal-Guise Study of Four English Varieties*

11:30–12:00 Coffee Break

SESSION 2 – Pronunciation Teaching and Pedagogy (12:00–13:00)

12:00–12:30 Joaquín Romero, Blanca Ostarek, Edward Lockhart, Cristina Crison, & Xiaodan Zhang – *From Physical to Phonological: Teaching English Pronunciation to L1 Spanish/Catalan Primary School Children*

12:30–13:00 Tatiana Tolmacheva & Veronika Karavaeva – *Teaching Speech Corpus Design to Pre-Service EFL Teachers for Data-Driven Pronunciation Training*

13:00–14:00 Lunch Break

PLENARY LECTURE

14:00–15:00

Patricia Ashby & Michael Ashby

Towards a History of Teaching and Learning English Intonation

SESSION 3 – Prosody and Phonological Structure (15:15–16:15)

15:15–15:45 Vladimir Filipov Valov – *Intonation as Abstract Grammatical Marker*

15:45–16:15 Leônidas Silva Jr. – *Prosody-Based Automatic Classification of Foreign Accent in L2 English*

16:20–17:30 **Book launch and signing** – *Profiling English Prosody* (Biljana Čubrović & Patricia Ashby)

19:00 Conference Dinner

SATURDAY, 28 MARCH 2026

SESSION 4 – Stress and L2 Phonology (10:00–11:30)

10:00–10:30 Csaba Csides – *On the Notion of English Word-Stress and Accent*

10:30–11:00 Safi Eldeen Alzi'abi & Abdurrahman Zubi – *Explicit Lexical Stress Training and Novel L2 Vocabulary Acquisition*

11:00–11:30 Oleksandr Kapranov – *To /r/ or Not to /r/: The English /r/ as a Challenge to Norwegian L1 EFL Learners*

11:30–12:00 Coffee Break

SESSION 5 – Multilingual Phonetics (12:00–13:00)

12:00–12:30 Kamil Malarski & Witoslaw Awedyk – *Interplay of L2 English and L3 Norwegian Vowels in Polish Migrant Communities*

12:30–13:00 Yulia Dzhuraeva – *The Role of Phonetic Means in Video Game Character Modelling*

13:00–14:00 Lunch Break

PLENARY LECTURE

14:00–15:00

Maja Marković

When Intonation Gets Personal: Exploring Individual Differences and Prosodic Variation in L2 English

15:15–15:30 Coffee Break

SESSION 6 – L2 Phonetics (15:30–16:30)

15:30–16:00 Thais Cristofaro Silva & Wellington Araujo Mendes Junior – *Epenthetic Vowels in English L2 and Brazilian Portuguese: A Case Study*

16:00–16:30 Valentina Rapajić – *Two Perspectives on Vowel Formant Variability: CV and SGV as Complementary Measures*

16:45 Conference Closing

SUNDAY, 29 MARCH 2026

Optional Social Programme (09:00–18:00)