

**ELLS:Modern Perspectives and Beyond**  
**Post-conference event**

**October 24, 2023**

**12:00, Sala za sednice Filološkog fakulteta**

**Lecture:**

**Prof. Istvan Kecskes, New York State at Albany**

**"The Interplay of Linguistic, Conceptual and Encyclopaedic Knowledge in English"**



**ISTVAN KECSKES** is Distinguished Professor of the State University of New York System, USA. He teaches graduate courses in pragmatics, second language acquisition and bilingualism at SUNY, Albany. Professor Kecskes is the President of the American Pragmatics Association (AMPRA) and the CASLAR (Chinese as a Second Language Research) Association.

His book “Foreign language and mother tongue” co-authored by Tunde Papp and published by Erlbaum in 2000 was the first book that described the effect of the second language on the first language based on a longitudinal research. Dr. Kecskes’ particularly influential books are “Intercultural Pragmatics” published by Oxford University Press in 2013, an edited volume titled “Research in Chinese as a Second Language” published by De Gruyter in 2013 and another volume edited with Jesus Romero-Trillo “Research Trends in Intercultural Pragmatics” published by De Gruyter also in 2013,

Dr. Kecskes is the founding editor of the linguistics journal Intercultural Pragmatics and the Mouton Series in Pragmatics published by Mouton de Gruyter: Berlin/New York, as well as the bilingual (Chinese-English) journal CASLAR (Chinese as a Second Language Research) published by Mouton and the co-founding editor of “Journal of Language Aggression and Conflict” published by John Benjamins: Amsterdam/Philadelphia (co-founder Pilar Garces Blitvich). He sits on the editorial board of the Journal of Pragmatics (Elsevier), Pragmatics & Society (Benjamins), International Journal of Multilingualism (Taylor & Francis), Lodz Papers in Pragmatics (De Gruyter), International Journal of Language and Culture (Benjamins), the Journal of East Asian Pragmatics (Equinox), the Journal of Foreign Languages (Waiguoyu) and the journal Xiandai Waiyu published in China. Dr. Kecskes is also on the editorial board of four book series: Pragmatics, Philosophy and Psychology (Springer), Series in Pragmatics (Cambridge Scholarly Publishing), Pragmatic Interfaces (Equinox), and Studies in General Linguistics (Hungarian Academy of Sciences).

Dr. Kecskes received a Senior Fellowship from the Rockefeller Foundation in the Rockefeller Research Center in Bellagio, Italy in 2004, a Senior Fellowship from the Mitteleuropa Foundation, Bolzano, Italy in 2005, a Honorary Professorship from Zhejiang University, Hangzhou in 2009, a Yunshan Chair Professorship from Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, Guangzhou, China in 2011, and a Distinguished Visiting Professorship at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia in 2013.

He is the recipient of the Chancellor's Excellence in Research Award of State University of New York, the co-director of the Barcelona Summer School on Bi-and Multilingualism, and also the co-director of the Sorbonne, Paris – SUNY, Albany graduate student symposium.

Since his last series of lectures held at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philology, in October 2015 and in May 2018, Professor Kecskes' publications include:

Allan, Keith; Capone, Alessandro; & Istvan Kecskes (eds.) 2016. Pragmemes and Theories of Language Use, Perspectives in Pragmatics, Philosophy & Psychology #9. Cham: Springer.

Kecskes, Istvan & Stavros Assimakopoulos (eds.) 2017. Current Issues in Intercultural Pragmatics. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins.

Edda Weigand and Istvan Kecskes (eds). 2018. From Pragmatics to Dialogue. Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins.

Kecskes, Istvan. 2019. English as a Lingua Franca: The pragmatic perspective. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Kecskes, Istvan. 2022. The Cambridge Handbook of Intercultural Pragmatics. Cambridge University Press.

Kecskes, Istvan. 2023. Common Ground in First Language and Intercultural Interaction. De Gruyter Mouton.