

NEW PARADIGMS IN ENGLISH STUDIES:

LANGUAGE, LINGUISTICS, LITERATURE AND CULTURE

IN HIGHER EDUCATION

International conference,

25-27 November 2016

Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski",

Department of English and American Studies

The conference aims to bring together young and established scholars working in Bulgarian and European higher education, giving them a venue for reexamining the focus, content, boundaries and interconnections between disciplines within the broad area of English Studies. Globalization, European integration, mobility, migration and superdiversity, coupled with fast-paced developments in communication technology, social networks, and new media, have led to the unprecedented transformation of the English language and the academic disciplines related to it. Old paradigms have been shattered and new innovative approaches have emerged, embracing the plurality of English and the polycentricity of its norms. While looking forward to what's new, the conference also invites contributions on the history of English Studies, as it is in the dialogue between old traditions and new paradigms that academic vigor flourishes best.

A special section for young researchers (MA, PhD students) is envisaged.

Conference themes:

1. What do English Studies study? Renegotiating discipline boundaries and transdisciplinarity;
2. English as an academic lingua franca;
3. New and Old Englishes in the classroom;
4. English teaching in the age of communication technologies, social networks and new media;
5. New paradigms in the teaching of English/linguistics/literature/culture;
6. Curriculum development and evaluation in higher education;
7. Creative writing, multimodality and language creativity;
8. Developing translation skills and (trans)cultural context;
9. Tradition and innovation in the study and teaching of English.

Call for papers:

Please send an abstract of 200 - 300 words by May 31st, 2016 at newparadigms2016@gmail.com. Include **Abstract** in the Subject field. Include your **name, title, affiliation and e-mail address** in the text of the message. Don't include your name or affiliation in the text of the abstract. Participants will be notified by June 30th, 2016.

A selection of articles will later be published in a special volume.

Conference webpage: <http://eas.uni-sofia.bg/blog/eas-conference-2016-new-paradigms-in-english-studies/>