



CFP – 3rd International Conference on Early Language Learning and Multilingualism
in Early Childhood Education

3rd International Conference on Early Language Learning and Multilingual Education in Early Childhood (ELLME'25)

Thessaloniki, 19-20 September 2025

<https://www.ellmenet.com/ellme25>

CALL FOR PAPERS

[The School of English](#) of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece, in cooperation with [ELLMEnet](#) (Early Language Learning and Multilingual Education Network) and [GALA](#) (the Greek Applied Linguistics Association), are proud to welcome researchers from all over the world to contribute to our **3rd International Conference on Early Language Learning and Multilingual Education in Early Childhood**. In an increasingly interconnected and globalized world, the significance of multilingualism in the very early years of a child's development cannot be overlooked. The acquisition of multiple languages during the educational stages of life not only enriches cognitive and linguistic abilities, but also fosters a deep appreciation for diverse cultures and perspectives. This burgeoning area of research has garnered substantial attention from scholars, educators, and policymakers alike, as the advantages of early multilingual exposure extend beyond linguistic prowess to encompass broader cognitive, socio-cultural, and educational dimensions. This 3rd ELLME Conference will serve a pivotal platform to delve into the intricate interplay between language acquisition, cognitive development, and social and family engagement.

Promoted by ELLMEnet, this international conference aims at analysing and discussing issues related to multilingualism, in its broadest sense, from birth until the beginning of the compulsory education stage, usually 6/7 years old, as well as the transition from this period into Primary Education (8 years old approx.).

So as to encourage discussions, 3 international keynotes have been invited to contribute to the conference:

- ★ Prof. Emeritus **Joseph Lo Bianco**, University of Melbourne, Australia
- ★ Prof. **Beatriz Cortina-Pérez**, University of Granada, Spain
- ★ Prof. **Marina Tzakosta**, University of Crete



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Researchers, PhD students and practitioners are **welcome to present research- or pedagogical-oriented communications related to children from 0 up to 8 years old approximately, contextualised in any multilingual context** (second language, foreign language, additional language, minority language, heritage language, sign language, etc.).

Possible topics of interest are:

1. Early language learning
2. Early bi-/multilingual education
3. Early multilingual acquisition
4. Early multilingual identity
5. Multilingual families
6. Second or foreign (L2/F2) language teaching/learning at preschool
7. Classroom practices in early multilingual education
8. Methodological and ethical issues on early multilingual research
9. Teacher Education on multilingualism
10. Multilingual policies for early years

Types of speakers' contributions

As a speaker you can present **up to two contributions** of the following modalities:

- a) **Presentations:** 15-min communication + 5 min discussion
- b) **Workshops:** 60-min workshop with a hands-on approach in any of the conference topics either research- or pedagogical-oriented.
- c) **Self-organised symposium:** including 3-4 different communications around a topic in a 60 min. slot with at least 10 minutes for discussion after participants' presentations. The chair of the symposium will need to select and organise the papers included.
- d) **Poster:** slots will be devoted in the conference for poster presentation, where participants will have the opportunity to discuss with their authors. Posters should be research-oriented. Instructions on poster specifications will be provided on acceptance.

***** Please note that non-registered authors will not receive a certificate of participation.*****

Important dates

- CFP opens **10th Oct. 2024**
- CFP closes **20th Jan. 2025**



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- Notification of acceptance **20th March 2025**
- Provisional programme available **30th June 2025**
- **Early bird registration: 20th March-19th May 2025**
- **Standard registration: 20th May 2025- 30th June 2025**
- Conference **19th-20th Sep. 2025**
- Proceedings submission deadline (optional): 30 November 2025

Language

The language of the conference is English.

Publication options

All authors will be encouraged to send their proceedings (short summary of their contribution) for their publication in a volume that will be published in the international publishing house (included in SPI ranking). Besides, authors will be invited to present their full papers in a Special Issue of a high-quality international journal.

Abstract submission

- An **abstract** (200-250 words) together with a short **biodata** (70-100 words) should be sent through this online form: <https://forms.gle/sdc63CZxZKEhscXu9>
- **DEADLINE** for submission: 20th January 2025.
- Please note that you need to **copy and paste** in the online form so no document can be attached.
- **Only the corresponding author** should send the abstract on behalf of all authors. S/he will need to include in the online form information about all other participants in the proposal (full name, affiliation, email address, short bionote).
- All abstracts will be blind peer reviewed by the conference scientific committee. **Acceptance notification** will be sent to authors no later than **20th March**.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concern: ellme25@enl.auth.gr.

The Chair

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