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**The Institute of English Studies Newsletter is published for staff members as well as anyone interested in following the current developments and future activities of the Institute of English Studies at the University of Łódź. Each issue covers recent and upcoming events with regular updates on our conferences, publications, guest lectures and other educational and/or academic projects.**

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**In this seventh issue, we provide updates about past and forthcoming conferences, recent publications and other important academic events. Read on to find out about our educational offerings and latest news updates.**

**Recent and forthcoming conferences hosted by the Institute of English Studies in 2015 and 2016:**

- **A poetry symposium - Living/Writing. Inner And Outer Landscapes Of Irish And Greek Poets, Athens, Greece, 4-5 December 2015**

This seminar, organized by the University of Athens, Greece and the University of Łódź, Poland provided an opportunity for a meeting of Irish and Greek poets, scholars, and international visitors. Situated at two extremes of Europe, Ireland and Greece share some character-making traits of their landscapes: a largely insular structure, an intimate relation with the sea, and historical parallels up to the present day. Some of the invited Irish poets have been inspired to create the landscapes of their writing by their Greek experience, just as their Greek counterparts have been inspired by Ireland.

This poetry symposium, held in the framework of the project IRELLAS (The Greek Connection: Irish Poets and Contemporary Greece), a Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship run by Dr. Joanna Kruczkowska (University of Łódź) in co-operation with Prof. Evangelia Sakelliou (Head of the English Language and Literature Department, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), encouraged the expansion of our landscapes, both inner and outer, Irish and Greek.

For more information visit

[http://anglistyka.uni.lodz.pl/files/PLIKI/AKTUALNOSCI/Living\\_Writing%20programme.pdf](http://anglistyka.uni.lodz.pl/files/PLIKI/AKTUALNOSCI/Living_Writing%20programme.pdf)

- **The fourth LAFAL symposium “Theoretical Issues in Humour: Building Bridges across Disciplines”, Łódź, Poland, 17-18 March 2016**

The fourth LAFAL symposium (2016), entitled “Theoretical Issues in Humour: Building Bridges across Disciplines”, organised by Prof. Marta Dynel, is convened to provide a forum for not only linguists but also researchers representing other disciplines (such as philosophy, sociology, psychology, anthropology, culture studies, literature studies, and media studies) who are interested in concepts and issues of relevance to humour studies. The primary objective will be to explore multifarious humorous phenomena to enhance humour theory across a variety of scholarly disciplines.

- **DysTEFL2 – Dyslexia for Teachers of English as a Foreign Language Conference, Łódź, Poland, 25 June 2016**

On 25th June 2016 the Department of Pragmatics in cooperation with International Educational Projects Office of the University of Łódź hosts the second edition of the international DysTEFL Conference - DysTEFL2 – Dyslexia for Teachers of English as a Foreign Language Conference. We expect about 140 delegates to participate - pre- and in-service teachers of English, teacher trainers, and educational stakeholders from several European countries will take part in a number of workshops and plenary lectures run by the specialists in the field of specific learning differences (dyslexia) and foreign language teaching.

For more information visit [http://dystefl2.uni.lodz.pl/?page\\_id=818](http://dystefl2.uni.lodz.pl/?page_id=818)

### **Recent and forthcoming publications**

- **Cieślak, Magdalena and Agnieszka Rasmus (eds.) 2015. *Multicultural Shakespeare: Translation, Appropriation and Performance*, Vol. 12.**

We are pleased to announce the publication of the latest issue of *Multicultural Shakespeare: Translation, Appropriation and Performance*, vol. 12. It is a thematic issue entitled “Diversity and Homogeneity: Shakespeare and the Politics of Nation, Class and Gender”, co-edited by guest editors Magdalena Cieślak and Agnieszka Rasmus (University of Łódź). *Multicultural Shakespeare* is indexed in 22 services, including Ebsco, Index Copernicus, Scopus, and MLA. The content of issue 12 is available via De Gruyter.

For more information visit <http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/mstap.2015.12.issue-27/issue-files/mstap.2015.12.issue-27.xml>

- **Kopytowska, Monika (ed.) (2015) Special Issue on *Contemporary Discourses of Hate and Radicalism across Space and Genres*, *Journal of Language Aggression and Conflict* 3:1.**
- **Kurtes, Svetlana and Monika Kopytowska (eds.) (2015) Special Issue on *Communicative Styles and Genres: Between Universality and Culture-Specificity*, *International Review of Pragmatics* 7.**

- **Cap, Pior. 2016. *The Language of Fear: Communicating Threat in Public Discourse.* (forthcoming)**

## **New and ongoing international projects**

- **C4C – CLIL for Children (Content and Language Integrated Learning for Children)**

A new educational project, entitled *C4C – CLIL for Children* (project number: 2015-1-IT02-KA201-015017; realisation time: September 2015 – September 2018), coordinated by the Language Center Srl in Todi, Italy, was launched under the Erasmus+ Programme, Key Action 2: Strategic Partnership; Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices for School Education. The University of Łódź is one of four main partners in a consortium that consists of ten institutions active in research and teacher training as well as schools. The project is coordinated locally by Katarzyna Riley (Project Manager) from the International Educational Projects Office and Dr. Anna Ewa Wieczorek (Project Content Manager) from the Department of Pragmatics. The Polish C4C team also includes Małgorzata Kurzejamska-Kopania, Prof. Joanna Nijakowska, Dr. Weronika Szubko-Sitarek and Dr. Anna Parr-Modrzejewska.

For more information visit [www.clil4children.eu](http://www.clil4children.eu)

- **C.O.N.T.A.C.T (Creating an Online Network, monitoring Team and phone App to Counter hate crime Tactics)**

C.O.N.T.A.C.T is a new European Union supported project (JUST/2014/RRAC/AG/HATE/6706) run by the Department in Pragmatics (Dr. Monika Kopytowska, UŁ Coordinator and Dr. Julita Woźniak, project team member). The program aims to counteract hate incidents, crime and hate speech that can have severely negative impacts on victims through a hate crime recording website and phone app, training of police and officials and research into hate crime. C.O.N.T.A.C.T covers Cyprus, Denmark, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Spain, and UK. C.O.N.T.A.C.T stands for Creating an Online Network, monitoring Team and phone App to Counter hate crime Tactics. Project activities include: awareness raising and training events, analytical studies, a university module, and a perceptual experiment.

For more information visit <http://reporhate.eu>

## **New and ongoing courses**

- **Updated DysTEFL2 course is now available**

All three modes of the course (face-to-face, self-study, and distance learning) have been updated with tests/quizzes for each unit and the whole course (verifying the learning outcomes), together with the guidelines for course participants and for the trainers on scoring procedure, assessment

criteria, and thresholds. Successful completion of the tests/quizzes conditions issuing certificates to participants.

The updated and supplemented edition of the DysTEFL2 online self-study course is now available with new materials and functionalities, such as quizzes, tests, and certificates. Before entering the DysTEFL2 course site users are asked to register to enable the procedure of issuing the certificate confirming their learning outcomes.

For more information visit [http://dystefl2.uni.lodz.pl/?page\\_id=1053](http://dystefl2.uni.lodz.pl/?page_id=1053)

- **DysTEFL2 face-to-face courses – intensive 5-day-long international staff training programme**

Four DysTEFL2 intensive 5-day-long face-to-face staff training courses for European EFL in-service teachers will be organized in Poland, Greece, and Slovenia between February and June 2016.

For more information visit [http://dystefl2.uni.lodz.pl/?page\\_id=812](http://dystefl2.uni.lodz.pl/?page_id=812)

- **Second edition of MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) on dyslexia and language teaching**

Second edition of a free online learning course on 'Dyslexia and language teaching' will be offered by Lancaster University and DysTEFL2 project in cooperation with FutureLearn and will take place over four weeks in spring 2016 (dates to be announced) entirely online. Interested parties may register their interest on the course site. The first edition of this course attracted over 18,000 registered participants from all over the world.

Lead educator – Judit Kormos (Lancaster University) and educators – Anne Margaret Smith (ELT well) and Joanna Nijakowska (University of Łódź) will give practical guidance and advice on enhancing phonological awareness, vocabulary knowledge, and reading skills of language learners with dyslexia. The course is aimed at English language teachers, teachers of modern foreign languages, teacher trainers, educators, and trainee teachers who are interested in how they can accommodate and cater for the needs of students with dyslexia in foreign/second language classrooms.

For more information visit <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/dyslexia>

## **Other events**

- **Geoffrey Chaucer Student Society Summer School, Grotniki, Poland 6-9 August 2015**

The oldest student society at the Institute of English Studies, Geoffrey Chaucer Student Society, organized a summer school in Grotniki near Łódź, following last year's 10th-anniversary summer school. The school featured lectures and seminars devoted to British culture and literature conducted by University of Łódź staff. This year's event focused on magic and the supernatural in 17th-century Scotland.

For more information visit <http://www.filolog.uni.lodz.pl/engdrama/chaucer/Grotniki2015/>

- **A guest lecture by Alan Courtis, University of Łódź, Poland, 25 February 2016**

On 25 February 2016, Alan Courtis will give a lecture entitled *Music and Disability: Inclusive Perspectives* at the premises of the Faculty of Philology, the University of Łódź, to examine the problems and potentials related to music and disability. Alan Courtis holds a degree in Communication Sciences from the University of Buenos Aires, where he runs a Music Workshop and Seminar with Fundación Artistas Discapacitados. He also teaches at Conservatorio “Astor Piazzolla,” Talleres Fontanarrosa, and other institutions. He has worked on worldwide music projects integrating people with disabilities, including: Reynols, Mumbling Wolves, Les Harry’s de l’Hôpital de jour d’Antony, Creahm, Club Théo Van Gogh, Institut René Thône, Amplified Elephants, Electroability Stavanger, Daddy Antogna y los de Helio, and Bergen Superorkester. He has conducted workshops at institutions in Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, England, Mexico, Peru, Chile, the United States, Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, Malaysia, Thailand, China, and Japan.

For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1080682598623255/>

**Last but not least  
we would like to wish you all  
an academically productive and personally fulfilling 2016!**