

**1<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON APPLIED LINGUISTICS  
LANGUAGE IN FOCUS  
EXPLORING THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN  
LINGUISTICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING (ELT)**

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The conference was dedicated to academics and university lecturers, representatives of central and local educational authorities, non-governmental organizations and school teachers. The event was a great occasion for meeting experts in varied areas of Linguistics and ELT.

CONFERENCE THEME

Applied Linguistics is a field of academic enquiry that deals with the theoretical and empirical investigation of real issues in which **LANGUAGE IS IN FOCUS**. These issues range from aspects of linguistics, first or second language acquisition, literacy, language disorders, foreign language learning/teaching, bilingual education/CLIL, multilingualism over interactional issues of interpersonal and intercultural communication to language variation, linguistic discrimination, language policy etc.

New approaches, new theoretical concepts and new methods are a prerequisite for dealing with particular educational issues, therefore **CHALLENGE** and **OPPORTUNITIES** have become the main conference theme. Hence, **LIF2014** conference was designed as a forum of interdisciplinary academic dialogue on various aspects of Applied Linguistics including General Linguistics and ELT such as:

- ELT Methodology and classroom applications
- Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)
- SLA / ELT focused theories and research (productive and receptive skills, linguistic and communicative competences, code-switching, classroom interaction analysis, assessment and evaluation)
- Psychological and psycholinguistic perspectives in SLA / ELT (attitudinal patterns, motivation, individual learner differences, learning strategies, learner autonomy)
- Corpus Linguistics and Learner Corpora
- Syntax and interfaces with morphology and semantics
- Lexical processing
- Phonological processing
- Cross-linguistic influences
- Discourse analysis
- Sociolinguistic theories and research (quantitative and qualitative approaches to the study of language, ethnographic and anthropological approaches to the study of language; language contact)

- Socio-cultural considerations (intercultural competence development, multiculturalism in theory and practice, ethnic/language minority classrooms)
- Multilingualism / bilingualism
- Educational language policies
- Translation and interpreting

More than **150** delegates from **38** different countries took part in the conference. They represented universities, colleges, schools and various educational institutions from all over the world. Most of them apart from taking part in the conference gave speeches, conducted workshops or presented posters. Additionally, CLIL Symposium was held during which various issues concerning bilingual education were presented and discussed. The conference organisers were honoured to welcome the following special guests who had been invited to give plenary lectures during the conference:

- **Mirosław Pawlak**, Professor of Applied Linguistics  
*The State School of Higher Professional Education in Konin, Poland*
- **David Singelton**, Professor of Applied Linguistics  
*Dublin Trinity College, Ireland*
- **Richard Smith**, Professor of Applied Linguistics  
*University of Warwick, UK*
- **Mike Sharwood Smith**, Professor of Applied Linguistics  
*Professor Emeritus, Heriot-Watt University, Scotland UK.*  
*Honorary Professorial Fellow, Edinburgh University, Scotland UK.*  
*Professor, English Institute, Academy of Social Sciences (SAN), Warsaw, Poland.*
- **Birsen Tütüniş**, Professor of English Language Teaching  
*İstanbul Aydın University, İstanbul, Turkey*

All the special guests gave very informative lectures and the conference participants were very satisfied with their talks.

#### CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference took place in a wonderful place - WOW Topkapı Palace Hotel, Kundu – Antalya, Turkish Riviera of Turkey. This five star hotel reflected the ages of great Ottoman architecture allowing our conference participants to make a journey through the history. When entering Topkapı Palace, our participants could stay in the Harem, have food from the great Palace Kitchens and Hagia Irini, drink tasteful wine at the Justice Tower and taste delicious Turkish desert flavored with rosewater at Mecidiye Chalet. Topkapı Palace offered a complete conference package with its Turkish style restaurants, bars, pools, beach, spa and fitness center in max all-inclusive concept just like holiday guests.

With best regards,  
Conference Organisers:  
Assoc. Dr. Prof. Cem Can  
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Dr. Katarzyna Papaja  
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