

Fourth International Conference on ESP, LSP, GE
**(Re)Considering the Foundation Principles and Assessing the
Common Grounds between ESP/LSP/GE**

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The 4th edition of the traditional ESP conference of the University of Nis, Serbia, will aim at researching the foundation theory and practice of ESP and LSP respectively, as well as rethinking the connections among those and General English linguistics, methodology, practice. Main concrete research topics that we invite contributions for therefore are:

- current state of theory of ESP/LSP;
- overlapping and/or distinguishing theoretical and research areas between ESP and LSP;
- relationship between ESP/LSP and GE/any other ‘general’ language;
- novel research in ESP/LSP/GE.

The theory of ESP laid already a few decades ago, has certainly grown and developed since, most notably seen in the rise of relevance of critical discourse, the contribution of corpus analysis, ethnographic studies that expanded the notion of needs analysis. An immense body of novel theoretical stances remains scattered in dedicated journals and edited monograph publications. Yet, a coherent, all encompassing revised or updated theory has not been proposed so far. Does that imply there is no need for it, or it is high time to address it? If latter, what has changed since, for example, seminal work of Hutchinson and Waters, in what respect, and what caused the changes? Furthermore, can we borrow insights, investigate together in ESP and LSP fields? Finally, how do we today formulate the relation between a domain language and the general language? What is the position of academia and economic sector towards teaching specialized languages? How does the position of ESP/LSP lecturers reflect the HE policies of teaching foreign languages and the response to the changes in the economic sector and its requirements? Is ESP/LSP becoming satisfactorily institutionalized? What are the ways the practitioners can enhance their positions, what are the benefits of networking into associations? How can material design be eased and the existing body of it more reachable and shared, how can IT assist in that?

We invite colleagues to present their research on these, as well as the variety of related topics in ESP/LSP/GE.

The working language of the conference is English.

Presentation formats:

- Oral presentation of 20min, with 10min discussion time;
- Workshops of an hour length;
- Poster presentations.

We welcome promotion, advertising of books, language associations, dedicated language companies, announcements of forthcoming conferences.

Publication opportunities:

Selection of the best papers will be published in all these areas will be published in The Journal of Teaching English for Specific and Academic Purposes, indexed in the Web of Science <http://espeap.junis.ni.ac.rs/index.php/espeap/index>. There will be no additional publication cost, it is included into the conference fee. We will also try and have a dedicated monograph with Springer.

Conference fee: 150 Euros, including conference kit, conference gala dinner, lunch each day of the conference, excursion, publication.