

APRIL CONFERENCE FIFTEEN: HUMANITY/HUMANITIES

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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In 1978 Jerzy Strzetelski and Zygmunt Mazur from the Institute of English Philology at the Jagiellonian University organised the first of what was to become a triennial international conference. April Conference Fifteen will continue the tradition of bringing together scholars working in various fields of English and American Studies, including literature, general and applied linguistics, translation and cultural studies, teaching of English as a foreign language, and other related topics. The theme of this year's conference is 'Humanity/Humanities.'



When Wilhelm Dilthey published his seminal work in the modern humanities, *Introduction to the Human Sciences* (1883), his hopes were to outline the future methods and objects of study of the *Geisteswissenschaften*, including such disciplines as philosophy, philology, politics and literature. By grouping them and clarifying their mutual relationships, he aimed to shed light on 'the most important components of our picture and knowledge of reality—our own personality as a life-unit, the external world, other individuals, their temporal life and their interactions.'

Today, as the workings of humanity are increasingly linked with the destruction wrought by the Anthropocene, 'the era of man,' we feel compelled to re-examine our links with human and other-than-human others ever more closely. Confronting numerous crises, hostilities and conflicts, as well as witnessing an unprecedented momentum of social, political, medical, technological and linguistic change, we are now facing the challenge of redefining our goals, policies and discourses within the field of the humanities yet again.

We welcome contributions addressing, but not limited to, the following topics:

- literary texts in political contexts;
- appropriating literary texts in political debates;
- narratives of crisis and crisis in the humanities;
- imperatives and agendas behind cross-cultural literary translations, adaptations and appropriations;
- workings of memory and trauma;
- ethics and the humanities;
- humanist perspectives in literary works;
- re(evaluation) of political and social discourses;
- discourses and communication related to war and conflict;
- (re)defining social identities in the age of rapid change;
- transgressing interspecies boundaries, including the perspectives of animal studies, plant humanities and beyond;
- humanistic approaches in language education;
- whole-person involvement in foreign language learning;
- teaching and testing English in the contemporary world;
- English in registers and genres of the modern era;
- position and perception of English in the 21st century;
- English in contact with other languages;
- linguistic landscapes and the global use of English;
- digital humanities in literary and linguistic studies.





Proposals for **twenty-minute papers** (ca. 200 words) with short biographical notes (up to 100 words) should be submitted **via the submission portal** on the conference website:

<https://april.confer.uj.edu.pl>

by 31 December 2022. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by 31 January 2023.



We also welcome contributions to **the panel sessions** listed below. Please submit your proposals for twenty-minute papers via the submission portal on our website.



The submission portal will open by the end of October. Should you need the confirmation of acceptance earlier than 31 January 2023, please contact the organisers at april-conference@uj.edu.pl.



APRIL CONFERENCE FIFTEEN: PANEL SESSIONS

(for panel descriptions see the additional file)

Medieval Studies and Medievalism

Władysław Witalisz (Jagiellonian University), Krystyna Strzebońska-Cichorz (Jagiellonian University)

Shakespeare 400 Years after the First Folio

Agnieszka Romanowska-Kowalska (Jagiellonian University)

18th-Century Textual Transplant(ation)s

Anna Paluchowska-Messing (Jagiellonian University), Joanna Maciulewicz (Adam Mickiewicz University), Jakub Lipski (Kazimierz Wielki University)

Narratives of Memory and Trauma

Beata Piątek (Jagiellonian University), Michał Choiński (Jagiellonian University), Joanna Davis-McElligatt (University of North Texas), Frédérique Spill (Université de Picardie Jules Verne)

Joyce and Humanism / Joyce and the Human in the 21st century

Dirk Vanderbeke (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität), Katarzyna Bazarnik (Jagiellonian University)

Escape into Nature

Bożena Kucała (Jagiellonian University), Beata Piątek (Jagiellonian University)

Human, Humanity and the Posthuman in Drama and Theatre

Katarzyna Biela (Jagiellonian University)

The Reception of The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power

Michał Palmowski (Jagiellonian University), Krystyna Strzebońska-Cichorz (Jagiellonian University)

Gender Studies, Masculinities Studies and Feminist Perspectives in Language and Literature

Olga O'Toole (Jagiellonian University), Ewa Kowal (Jagiellonian University)

The War in Ukraine: Stance, Identity, Leadership

Magdalena Szczyrbak (Jagiellonian University), Anna Tereszkievicz (Jagiellonian University), Valentyna Ushchyna (Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University)

Health Knowledge and Online Communication

Anna Tereszkievicz (Jagiellonian University), Magdalena Szczyrbak (Jagiellonian University), Ramona Bongelli (University of Macerata), Ilaria Riccioni (University of Macerata), Alessia Bertolazzi (University of Macerata)

Language Spread and Language Contact: English in the Communication of the Modern Era

Marta Dąbrowska (Jagiellonian University), Elżbieta Mańczak-Wohlfeld (Jagiellonian University)

Academic Literacy and Oracy: Teaching and Researching

Monika Kusiak-Pisowacka (Jagiellonian University)

English Language Teacher Competences

Maria Camino Bueno Alastuey (Public University of Navarre), Marcin Kleban (Jagiellonian University)

For additional information please consult the conference website:

<https://april.confer.uj.edu.pl>.

Conference fees: TBA

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