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FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS



LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, THEORY
CONFERENCE

On behalf of the LLT Organising Committee, it is our pleasure to send you the first Call for Papers containing information on the forthcoming multidisciplinary ***Language, Literature, Theory*** conference, organized by the Faculty of Philosophy in Niš, which will be held on **27th and 28th April, in 2018**.

This time, we focus our attention on *theory*, the term that can be regarded to subsume all the topics discussed in the previous years as it is deeply intrinsic to all domains of research. In that sense, both language and literature are associated with theory. Language can be studied from different theoretical perspectives; linguistic theories and hypotheses are tested in theoretical and empirical research, validated or refuted, yet always aimed at accumulating knowledge and generating new ideas about how language works. Furthermore, literature and theory pursue the same goals: they both explore and make sense of the complexities of our life and phenomena we barely or do not understand. Literature faces the most difficult questions we can ask, and invites us to reflect and re-examine the questions it addresses, suggesting its openness to critical evaluation.

In this regard, the aim of the conference *Language, Literature, Theory* is to reflect and examine the relation between theory, language and literature in an open way. This means focusing on various topics, such as examining theoretical approaches to linguistics and literary studies, studying the relation between literary theory and criticism, empirical testing of theories, critical evaluation of both theory and empirical research, meta-theoretical considerations.

Conference languages are English and Serbian, for 15-minute presentations followed by 5 minute discussion time.

If you would like to participate, please fill in the registration form attached to this Call and submit it **no later than January 25th, 2018** to the following address: [**jktr2018@gmail.com**](mailto:jktr2018@gmail.com)

The submitted abstracts will be reviewed and assessed according to their compatibility with the conference topic, academic merit, topic originality, approach and research. Notification of acceptance will be sent by the end of February 2018. A selection of papers will be published after the conference in a peer-reviewed two-volume Conference Proceedings.

Conference fee is 60 Euros (also payable in dinars), covering organisational costs, conference folder, refreshments during coffee breaks, buffet lunch on 27th April, and snacks before the closing of the conference on 28th April, as well as the costs of conference proceedings publication.

Conference fee in dinars is payable to the Faculty of Philosophy Niš bank account **840-1818666-89**, reference number **74212125**, the purpose of payment: **conference fee for the conference "Language, Literature, Theory"**, and in euros to the Faculty of Philosophy Niš foreign account **500100-100146351 (SWIFT: NBSRRSBG, Iban: RS35908500100014635165)** or in cash, immediately before the beginning of the conference, at the registration desk. The participants are required to keep the receipt of the conference fee payment and to have it on their persons in order to present it at registration.

Conference dinner party (10 Euros) on 27th April 2018 is optional.
We are looking forward to welcoming you in Niš!

With best regards,
Language, Literature, Theory Conference Organising Committee