

**FIRST CIRCULAR
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**Focus on Language:
Challenging Language Learning and Language
Teaching in Peace and Global Education:
From Principles to Practices**

Freiburg, Germany

March 22-24, 2018



PLENARY SPEAKERS

(in alphabetical order)

- **Jean-Marc Dewaele**, Professor of Applied Linguistics and Multilingualism
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- **Joseph Lo Bianco**, Professor of Language and Literacy Education
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Changes which have been taking place in political, technological, social and economic realities since the early 21st century have led to more relationships between people of different nations. The educational changes which result from different policy decisions situated in diverse settings have also had an impact on Language Learning and Language Teaching. Therefore, there is a need to focus on languages and provide an academic platform for exchanging ideas, projects and scientific research results between aspiring academics, teachers, and well-known researchers. In harmony with this spirit of academic enthusiasm, we



ABSTRACT

SUBMISSION AND REGISTRATION

Abstracts (200-250 words):

- papers,
- workshops
- posters

Registration form sent to the conference e-mail

Deadline:

November 20th, 2017

Notification of Acceptance:

December 20th, 2017

2 submissions allowed

would like to invite academics, scholars, representatives of central and local educational authorities, non-governmental organizations, school teachers and practitioners representing an exciting diversity of countries, cultures, and religion to meet and exchange ideas and views in a forum encouraging respectful dialogue. **Focus on Language Conference (FOL2018)** will be a great opportunity to meet experts in varied areas Language Learning and Language Teaching.

CONFERENCE THEME

The heart of peace and global education is enabling young people to participate in shaping a better, shared future for the world. Peace and global education emphasise the unity and interdependence of human society, developing a sense of self and appreciation of cultural diversity, affirmation of social justice and human rights, as well as building peace and actions for a sustainable future in different times and places.

Through language education we might promote positive values and assist students to take responsibility for their actions in order to see themselves as global citizens who can contribute to a more peaceful, just and sustainable world. Therefore, the theme of **Focus on Language 2018 Conference (FOL2018): Challenging Language Learning and Language Teaching in Peace and Global Education: From Principles to Practices** aims at providing a forum for researchers, teachers and educational representatives who are interested in the exploration and exchange of theory, research findings, experience and perspectives in language teaching, language learning in the context of Peace and Global Education.

Centered around topics in SLA and ELT, the conference will focus mainly on:

- ELT Methodology and classroom applications
- Foreign Language Teacher Education
- SLA / ELT focused theories and research (productive and receptive skills, linguistic and communicative competences, code-switching, classroom interaction analysis, assessment

CONFERENCE

FEE

The **conference / registration fee** (paper / workshop / poster and participation), which covers **registration fee, conference materials, welcome cocktail, refreshments during the coffee breaks including lunches, conference dinner, and the cost of subsequent publication is:**

- **€285** (early registration fee paid by **January 20th, 2018**)
- **€320** (regular registration fee paid by **February 20th, 2018**)

All authors willing to participate as speakers in the conference **need** to pay their registration fee by **January 20th, 2018 (early registration fee)** or by **February 20th, 2018 (regular registration fee)** and send the scanned transaction document to the conference e-mail.

- and evaluation, curriculum development)
- ICT in Language Teaching
- Psychological and psycholinguistic perspectives in SLA / ELT (attitudinal patterns, motivation, individual learner differences, learning strategies, learner autonomy)
- Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) + Content and Language Integrated Learning in German (CLILiG)
- Multilingualism / bilingualism
- 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)
- Peace Education: the concept, principles and practices around the world
- Peace Education in Teacher Education Programs
- Learning Peace: Progressive Impacts of Peace Education
- Implementation of Global Education
- International and intercultural awareness in Global Education
- Cross-linguistic influences
- Discourse analysis
- Translation and interpreting
- Educational language policies

However, the submission of other topics for consideration is welcome and we also encourage sessions within and across a variety of disciplines and fields related to Applied Linguistics, Teaching and Learning Foreign Languages, Peace and Global Education. Proposals for original and previously unpublished papers (20 minutes for the **presentation** and 10 minutes for questions) or **workshops** (45 minutes) reporting on research related to the theme of the conference, or **posters** regarding the issues are welcome for presentation at the conference.



CONFERENCE VENUE

Focus on Language (FOL2018) Conference is going to take place at the **University of Education (PH)** in Freiburg (Germany).

The University of Education, Freiburg (in German Pädagogische Hochschule, or PH for short) was founded in 1962 and gained university status in 1971. With approximately 4,800 students, it is the second largest of six Universities of Education in the federal state of Baden-Württemberg, which is known throughout Germany for its high quality of education.

Two thirds of the students studying at University of Education specialize in teacher training, either for primary or lower secondary schools. These study programs are leading to Bachelor and Master degrees.

Freiburg is a medieval university city with a population of 220,000 situated on the southwestern edge of the Black Forest. At the heart of the city is the magnificent red sandstone cathedral, completed in 1513, with a fine filigree stone spire. Among other medieval buildings that survive are the old town hall “Gerichtslaube” from 1303, and the painted red sandstone Historic Merchants’ Hall, “Historisches Kaufhaus” facing the cathedral.

The **City of Freiburg** is often called Germany's "ecological capital" and has been recognized internationally as one of the world's most livable, sustainable and child-friendly cities. In 1993, IMCL awarded the City of Freiburg the IMCL City of Vision Award. Since then, Freiburg has received numerous awards for its leadership in sustainable transportation planning, promotion of walking and biking, traffic calming mechanisms, human scale mixed-use development, renewable energy, protection of nature, and sustainability.



FURTHER INFORMATION

We would like to invite you to join us on **facebook**  **@focusonlanguageconferences**
and  **twitter @focus_language**

Queries regarding the event can be sent to focusonlanguage2018@gmail.com

All those wishing to present papers, posters, prepare a workshop or just to attend presentations are welcome to participate in the conference.

With best regards,

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