14th ELTAM MK INTERNATIONAL BIANNUAL CONFERENCE

Teach, Transform, Thrive

16–17 October 2026, Conference Hall, GTC, Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

Conference Programme

FRIDAY, 16th October 2026			
9.00 – 9:30	**Registration**		
9.30 – 10:00	**Welcome ceremony**		
10.00 - 10:50	**Plenary talk** Natasha Christofis **Giving Language Life: Teaching Speaking Through Meaning, Context and Creativity**		
10:55– 11:25	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
	Emilija Stojanovska Primary School "Brakja Miladinovci", Skopje ***From Reluctant Readers to Book Lovers*** (YL)	***Jana Jilkova*** ATECR ***Coaching for Creativity-practical ideas to help you and your learners to manage study challenges*** (TD, GEN)	***Viola Bielecka*** IATEFL ***Against the odds - Turning Diversity into Strength*** (GEN)
11.25-11.40	***COFFEE BREAK*** ***Pop up presentation***		
11.40 – 12:30	**Plenary talk** Ron Mukerji ***Hooked Before Hello: Creating Interest That Drives Learning***		
12.35 – 12.55	Talk 1	Talk 2	Talk 3
	Elena Ončevska Ager Blaze Koneski Faculty of Philology, Skopje ***Inquiring with students and AI: What would educational philosophy say?*** ***(TD)***	***Natka Jankova Alagjozovska*** Goce Delcev University, Stip ***Intercultural Pragmatics and the Transformation of Academic Communication in Multicultural Classrooms*** ***(SE)***	***Tamara Jolevska Popov*** (UAKS) ***"School of Talk": Ditch the Syllabus, Unmute the Students*** (TD)
13.00 – 13:30	**Workshop 4**	Workshop 5	Workshop 6
	Ron Mukerji **IATEFL Poland**	***Zdravka Majkikj*** Checkit Labs	***Valentina Kikerkova***

	From Hours to Minutes: Smart Tech for ELT *(TD)*	*Digital Dementia: Myth, Reality, and Classroom Solutions* (YL)	Primary school Sv. Kliment Ohridski, Skopje *Drama Activities for All* (YL)
13.30-14.00	*LUNCH*		
14:00 – 14:20	**Talk 4**	Talk 5	Talk 6
	Hristina Leova **Gimnazija "Koco Racin", Veles** *"Context-Responsive Technology Integration in the English Language Classroom"* **(PR, SE)**	*Nahida Imanova, PhD* Senior Lecturer, Baku Higher Oil School, Azerbaijan *When Teachers and AI Respond to Student Writing: A Classroom-Based Comparison ONLINE*	*Matthew Ager* Independent Researcher *Misconceptions of prompt engineering in the practice of AI interaction* (TD)
14.25-14.55	**Workshop 7**	**Talk 7**	**Workshop 9**
	Svjetlana Torbica Tutor ABC, TAIPEI, Taiwan *Building the Psychological Contract in the Firs Lesson* **(YL)**	*Marija Stevkoska* International Balkan University *The challenges of combining local LLMs and human assessment of student essays (SE)*	*Natasa Christofis Hamilton House publishers WE SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE- From Shakespeare to Tupac: Meaning Across Generations in ELT*
15.00- 15.50	**Plenary talk** **Rachael Harris** **Teaching and Learning in a Neurodiverse World**		
15.55 - 16.25	**Workshop 10**	**Workshop 11**	
	Rachael Harris *The essential toolkit - Practical ways to support neurodiverse learners* *(SEN)*	*Slavica Janevska* *Elizabeta Filipova* Primary School "Tode Hadzi-Tefov"-Kavadarci *Less Planning, More Teaching: Digital Tools for the English Classroom* *(YL/PR)*	
16:30 – 16.50	**Talk 7**	Talk 8	Talk 9
	Mirijeta Ametovska	*Elena Aleksoska*	*Barije Rashiti*

	University Student ***Making Learning Meaningful: Adapting Teaching for High School SEN Students*** **(SE)**	University Student ***Adapting English lessons to accommodate for shy students*** (SE)	ESL Teacher, Primary School "11Oktomvri" Urvic ***From Questions to Understandings: AI-Assisted Reflective Practice for Language Teachers*** (TD)

SATURDAY, 17th October 2026			
9.00-09.50	**Plenary Talk** ***Peter Lucantoni*** ***Making 21st Century Reading More Accessible***		
09:55 - 10:25	Workshop 12	Workshop 13	Workshop 14
	Peter Lucantoni ***CUP*** ***Planning with AI: A Practical Workshop*** (TD)	***Nikola Stojanac*** Primary school "Ivan Goran Kovacic", Serbia ***An English Classroom Without Textbooks: An experiment and its outcomes*** (YL)	***Jasmina Sazdovska*** Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest ***Boost Your Prep by Bridging Research and Practice*** (VYL)
10:30 – 10:50	Talk 10	Talk 11	
	Maja Mladenovska King Language Studio, Skopje ***Motivation by Design: Relevance, Autonomy and Competence*** (TD/YL)	***Katja Krope*** Šolski center Škofja Loka, Slovenia ***Beyond Worksheets: AI-Enhanced Interactive ESP Learning*** (SE, TD)	
11.00-11.30	***COFFEE BREAK***		
11.30 – 12:20	**Plenary talk** Dr. Mira Bekar ***Teaching Functional Literacy through Meaningful Writing***		
12.25 – 12:55	Workshop 15	Workshop 16	Workshop 17
	Ivana Trajanoska University American College Skopje ***From Minecraft to Manga: Making Creative Writing Fun and Relevant*** (PR)	***Ivana Kasunić &Barbara Hanjilec*** HUPE ***Fluent in Language, Literate in Feelings: A New Era foe ESL*** (VYL)	***Sanja Conjagic*** SOL ***English as a Bridge: Empowering Learners to Thrive*** (YL, PR)
	Warkshop 18	Workshop 19	Workshop 20

13:00 – 13:30			
	Dr.Mira Bekar Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje ***Writing for Functional Literacy: Understanding and Re-designing Classroom Practices*** *(PR)*	***Marinela Boras*** Faculty of Law, University of Osijek ***Professional Continuous Teacher Education for 21st century EFL Teachers*** *(TD)*	***Daniela Shapkaroska*** Primary School "Naum Ohridski" Peshtani, Ohrid ***Do digital tools improve English language acquisition?*** *(PR/GEN)*
13:30 – 14:30	✔ SOL Prizes ✔ Closing ceremony ✔ Certificates of attendance		

Key to acronyms:	**VYL** – Very young learners	**YL** Young Learners	**PR** Primary School	**SE** Secondary School
	AD Adult	**TD** Teacher Development	**ESP** – English for Specific Purposes	**GEN**- General