



5th International Conference: “Literacy and Contemporary Society: Creativity, Equity, Social Action”

4-5-6 December 2023
Nicosia, Cyprus

The Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, Cyprus Ministry of Education, Sport, and Youth, in collaboration with the University of Cyprus, announces the 5th International Conference on “Literacy and Contemporary Society”, titled:

Creativity, Equity, Social Action

The conference will be held on 4-5-6 December 2023 at the University of Cyprus in Nicosia.

The 5th International Conference "**Literacy and Contemporary Society: Creativity, Equity, Social Action**" is organized at a time of fluidity and complexity, in which both human lives and social well-being are threatened. Conflicts continue and are maintained, natural disasters call for our rehumanization, technologies constantly create new realities as spaces of opportunity but also of uncertainty, while education as a right and an institution is called upon to adapt to local and global social crises. In these troubling times, literacy – as multiple, social, and critical - can be an essential basis and a crucial starting point for the transformation of practices and the reconstitution of institutions and societies.

Focusing on "**Creativity, Equity, Social Action**", the conference attempts to highlight the dynamic, social, and critical dimensions of literacies in times of crisis. The conference aims at providing a platform for the discussion of ways in which individuals, groups and societies can work together creatively, to promote and maintain relations of dialogicality, equality, and coexistence, not only among people, but also between people and nature, matter, technology. Seeking literacies that ensure equity and (social) sustainability, the conference provides space for interested delegates to consider relevant issues which extend beyond language teaching and concern literacy education in its broader terms.

The conference addresses teachers, undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students, academics, researchers, organizations, as well as other stakeholders

interested in the promotion of language and literacy, as well as literacy education in and beyond school.

Topics and themes:

Participation in the conference can take the form of oral paper presentation, symposium, or workshop, addressing one of the following themes:

- Literacy, Language Arts Teaching and School Education
- Emergent Literacy and Literacy in the Early Years
- Bilingualism, Multilingualism, Translanguaging and Multicultural Education
- Digital Literacy, Multiliteracies and New Literacies
- Literacy, Literature and Creative Writing
- Literacy, Language and Education Policies
- Literacy, Language and Teacher Professional Development
- Social Practices, Multiple Literacies and Alternative Literacies
- Borders, Immigration, Refugees and Literacies
- Literacies, Language and Activism

Participation in the conference is free of charge. Information on the registration process will be announced at a later stage on the conference website (<http://www.pi.ac.cy/5thLitConCyp>).

Conference Participation Form for oral presentation/symposium/workshop

To participate in the conference either with an oral paper presentation, a symposium or a workshop, authors may submit a proposal until no later than **July 1st, 2023**, by filling in their details in the relevant form which can be found on the conference website (<http://www.pi.ac.cy/5thLitConCyp>). Abstracts must be sent to the email address: literacy_cyprus@cyearn.pi.ac.cy

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and decisions will be sent to the corresponding authors by the **21st of July 2023**.

Authors whose abstracts will be accepted and who are interested in publishing their full papers in the Conference Proceedings, must send their final paper no later than **March 10, 2023**. Full papers will also be reviewed by the Scientific Committee of the Conference, and authors will be notified about possible revisions via email, no later than **May 20, 2023**.

More details regarding the procedure to be followed for full paper submissions will be announced at a later stage on the conference website (<http://www.pi.ac.cy/5thLitConCyp>). Please note that only papers presented at the conference may be included in the Conference Proceedings.

Important Dates:

	Date
Deadline for submission of abstracts	July 1 st , 2023
Notification of accepted proposals	Until July 21 st , 2023
Announcement of acceptance and uploading of abstracts	October 2023
Registration of authors	October - November 2023
Programme Announcement	Until November 10, 2023
Submission of full paper drafts to be considered for publication in the Conference Proceedings	March 10, 2024
Notification of accepted papers (for the Proceedings)	May 10, 2024
Dissemination of Conference Proceedings via the conference website	July 2024