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Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
Via della Garzetta 48, Brescia

*Speaking the Future:
Language Policies and Professional
Communication within the Multilingual
Landscape of Higher Education*

4th of December 2025

Room 2

13.30-14.00 Registration

14.00-14.30 Welcome addresses

14.30-15.30 Plenary address: *Tracing the Evolution of Language Policies: Continuity and Change in the Multilingual University*

Piet VAN DE CRAEN, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Roma KRIAUCIŪNIENĖ, Vilnius University

15.30-16.30 Panel 1: Reports on innovative research projects and institutional solutions

Chair: Kris PEETERS, Antwerp University

15.30-15.45 Victoria VAN OSS, Jill SURMONT, Esli STRUYS, Brussels Research Institute for Teacher Education (BRITE), Vrije Universiteit Brussel: *Exploring tensions between language policies and multilingual practices: preliminary findings from the Pluridentities project*

15.45-16.00 Annalisa ZANOLA, Università degli Studi di Brescia: *Beyond Nativeness: Rethinking HE Multilingual Oral Skills Assessment in the Age of AI*

16.00-16.15 Tunde SZECSEI, Florida Gulf Coast University: *Using Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) to Facilitate Interaction across Languages in Higher Education: A Case Study in Florida*

16.15-16.30 Q&A

16.30-16.45 Coffee break

16.45-17.30 Panel 2: Rethinking language policies in the multilingual HE landscape

Chair: Manuel Célio CONCEIÇÃO, Universidade do Algarve

16.45-17.00 Vilma BIJEIKIENĖ, Nemira MAČIANSKIENĖ, Vytautas Magnus University: *Implementation of HE Language Policy: the VMU Case*

17.00-17.15 Silvia GILARDONI, Silvia CALVI, Klara DANKOVA, Maria Vittoria LO PRESTI, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore: *Plurilingualism in Italian Universities: A Case Study on French and Italian as L2*

17.15-17.30 Q&A

17.30-18.15 General Assembly

18.15 Cocktail

5th of December 2025

Room 2

9.00-10.00 Panel 3: Multilingualism and Language Policy in the Age of AI: Innovation and Identity in Higher Education

Chair: Elena PACURAR, Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai

9.00-9.15 Katie MANSFIELD, University of Westminster: Celebrating, embracing and strengthening multilingualism at a London University

9.15-9.30 Sara DAHER, President of the Académie de langue arabe in Lebanon: *Language Policies in the Age of AI: Multilingual Professional Communication in Higher Education*

9.30-9.45 Elena BONETTO, Michael ENNIS, Dietmar UNTERKOFER, Università degli Studi di Bolzano: *Schein und Sein: Tensions between a language policy framework and its implementation at a trilingual university*

9.45-10.00 Q&A

10.00-10.15 Coffee break

10.15-11.00 Panel 4: Theory vs. Practice: the challenges of implementing (multi-) plurilingualism and language diversity

Chair: Vilma BIJEIKIENĖ, Vytautas Magnus University

10.15-10.30 Aurélie JOUBERT, University of Groningen: *Multilingualism, English as a Medium of Instruction and Student Wellbeing in European Higher Education in the Netherlands*

10.30-10.45 Nina TSVETKOVA, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski: *The Challenges of Doing a PhD in Another Language and Culture. “Scenarios” from Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski*

10.45-11.00 Q&A

11.00-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-11.45 Kris PEETERS, University of Antwerp: *AI for Translation and Interpreting. A roadmap for users and policy makers. Report of the Special Interest Group on AI in Translation and Interpreting*

11.45-12.30 Closing: Manuel Célio CONCEIÇÃO, Universidade do Algarve, Maria Teresa ZANOLA, CEL/ELC President, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Accademia della Crusca

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