



University of Silesia in Katowice

**37th International Conference on
Foreign/Second Language Acquisition
Szczyrk, Poland
28-30 May 2026**

***Intercultural Pragmatics in Language Learning and Beyond:
Humans, Contexts, and AI Interfaces***

SECOND CIRCULAR

Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to share this Second Circular with all accepted participants of the conference, providing further details to help you prepare for the event.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

We are pleased to announce that the following scholars have accepted our invitation to deliver plenary talks during our conference:

- **Maria Economidou Kogetsidis** (University of Nicosia)
- **Zhu Hua** (University College London)
- **Barbara Lewandowska-Tomaszczyk** (University of Applied Sciences in Konin)
- **Anthony Liddicoat** (University of Warwick)
- **Troy McConachy** (University of New South Wales)
- **Agnieszka Piskorska** (University of Warsaw)
- **Helen Spencer-Oatley** (University of Warwick)

PROGRAMME

The first version of the programme will be available at the end of April. The programme will include the plenary talks, individual topic-oriented sessions on the main theme of the conference as well as presentations on other aspects of SLA-related research.



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VENUE AND CONFERENCE FEE

The event will be held in **Szczyrk**, a well-known (to many of you) resort town in the Beskidy Mountains of southern Poland and the dates are: **28th to 30th May 2026**, but it would be most convenient if the participants arrived on Wednesday afternoon/evening, **27th May**, since the sessions start on Thursday morning. **The conference venue will be the Hotel META.**

The conference fee this year is: **1500 PLN (€360 / \$420)**. The fee covers participation costs, conference materials, the meals together with the conference dinner (on Friday evening), coffee breaks and shuttle bus transfer from Katowice to the hotel and back. The conference fee **DOES NOT COVER** accommodation, which has to be booked individually by the conference participants either in the Hotel META (where special prices have been negotiated) or somewhere else.

The fee must be paid not later than **20th April 2026** to our conference account at the University of Silesia. The account number is:

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The beneficiary:

Uniwersytet Śląski w Katowicach, ul. Bankowa 12, 40-007 Katowice, Poland

The title of the payment:

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To ensure that the money transfer is properly registered, please e-mail us a scan of the payment document, or its electronic version in PDF/JPEG. **All the money transfer costs and bank charges must be paid by the participant on top of the conference fee.** Please note that we are unable to accept card payments at the conference desk. Cash payments can only be accepted in exceptional circumstances with prior agreement.



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IMPORTANT: Everyone who wishes to receive **an invoice (Faktura VAT)** issued to the home institution should make sure that the money is transferred by the institution, and not from a private bank account of the participant. It is a policy of our financial department not to issue the bills to a different person/institution than the one who actually made the payment. However, if it is impossible for the university to transfer the money for conference participation and the staff members are asked to make the payments by themselves, the invoices may still be issued to the institution on condition that it is specifically requested by the participant (**within 2 weeks after making the payment**) and the information on the required invoice payer is provided in a mail to the conference organisers. If the fee is paid at the conference desk in cash, there is no problem with issuing the bill to the university.

ACCOMMODATION

For those who wish to stay in META we have negotiated special accommodation prices: for one place in a double room **180 PLN (€45) per night** and for a single room **355 PLN (€90) per night**. Since the accommodation is subject to availability, please **book your room** by **7th May 2026 at the latest** using the conference code **ICFSLA2026**. If you have any difficulties finding a person to share the room with, please contact the Conference Organisers.

In order to make your reservation for the conference, please contact directly Ms. Angelika Kotlarska at angelika.kotlarska@meta-hotel.pl, phone number +48 509149430. She is the manager responsible for handling our conference matters. Please do not make your reservations via the Hotel Meta website reservation panel, because it is not designed to deal with special discounts like the one individually negotiated for our participants. Only full price reservations or discount deals officially advertised by the hotel can be bought this way.

SHUTTLE BUS TRANSFER

The participants are welcome to use our university shuttle bus on Wednesday, **27th May 2026** (Katowice-Szczyrk) and/or on Saturday, **30th May 2026** (Szczyrk-Katowice). The exact departure time as well as the pickup spot will be announced later. The bus will take the participants from Katowice city centre (near the railway station) directly to the conference site in Szczyrk (Wednesday) and/or back



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(Saturday). **If you want to reserve a place on the bus, please do so by writing to the icfsla@us.edu.pl by 24th April 2026 at the latest.** Reservations made after that date will not guarantee a seat on the shuttle bus.

CANCELLATIONS

We would appreciate it greatly if you informed us in advance about cancellation of your participation, as this would save us many organisational problems. If the cancellation is made before **30th April 2026**, we can guarantee the refund of the whole conference fee.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Szczyrk!

The Organising Committee

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