



University of Silesia in Katowice

**36th International Conference on
Foreign/Second Language Acquisition
Szczyrk, 22-24 May 2025**

***ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN SLA AND FLL/T:
APPLICATIONS, THREATS AND DEVELOPMENTS***

SECOND CIRCULAR

Dear Colleague,

We have already completed the selection of the presentation proposals for the **36th International Conference on Foreign/Second Language Acquisition (ICFSLA)** and those of you who submitted their abstracts have been informed about their acceptance. The book of abstracts for this year's conference will be available online at **the beginning of May 2025**.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

We are pleased to confirm that the following scholars, whose research concerns artificial intelligence (AI) in SLA and ELT, have agreed to give plenary talks at our conference:

- **Christopher Alexander** (University of Nicosia, Cyprus)
- **Gessica De Angelis** (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway)
- **Marina Dodigović** (University of Slavonski Brod, Croatia)
- **Blanka Klímová** (University of Hradec Králové, Czechia)
- **Robert Oliwa** (State University of Applied Sciences, Poland)
- **Torben Schmidt** (Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany)

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

Traditionally, 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: **22nd to 24th May 2025**, but it would be most convenient if the participants arrived on Wednesday afternoon/evening, **21st May**, since the sessions start on Thursday morning. The conference venue will be the Hotel META.

The conference fee this year is: **1400 PLN (€350)**. 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.

Additionally, we are thinking of organizing an extra leisure activity on Thursday or Friday afternoon, but the details will be communicated after all arrangements are completed.

The fee must be paid not later than **20th April 2025** to our conference account at the University of Silesia, the account number is: **74 1050 1214 1000 0007 0000 7909**, the beneficiary: **Uniwersytet Śląski w Katowicach, ul. Bankowa 12, 40-007 Katowice, Poland**, the title of the payment: **ICFSLA + your name**. The swift code of the bank is **INGBPLPW**. For payments from abroad it is customary to extend the IBAN number by PL added in front of the account number. It is very important that you specify the title of payment as **“ICFSLA + your name”**, because otherwise the financial department will not know where to allocate the money and we will not have your name on the list of those who have paid.

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.**

We regret to inform you that **no card transactions** can be made at the conference desk, and that we can accept **cash payments at the conference desk only in exceptional circumstances**. Any such payments will have to be agreed with the organisers prior to arrival.



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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 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 **175 PLN (€45) per night** and for a single room **350 PLN (€90) per night**. Since the accommodation is subject to availability, please **book your room** by **7th May 2025 at the latest** using the conference code **ICFSLA2025**. If you have any difficulties finding a person to share the room with, please contact the Conference Organisers.

SHUTTLE BUS TRANSFER

The participants are welcome to use our university shuttle bus on Wednesday, **21st May 2025** (Katowice-Szczyrk) and/or on Saturday, **24th May 2025** (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 (Saturday).

If you want to reserve a place on the bus, please do so by writing to the icfsla@us.edu.pl by **30th April 2025** at the latest. We regret to inform that reservations made after that date will not guarantee a seat on the shuttle bus.



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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 2025**, 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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