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Call for Papers

Dear colleagues!

The Department of English at Penza State University invites you to take part in the
III International conference
Modern Development in Linguistics and Language Teaching: the Problem of Method.

Dates: **24-26 April 2019**.
Conference venue: 40, Krasnaya st., Penza State University, Penza, Russia, 440026.
Guests may participate in-person or in absentia.

April 24th: registration, social programme.
April 25th: opening ceremony, plenary, sessions, workshops, the exhibition of research and methodological publications, social programme.
April 26th: plenary, sessions, workshops, closing ceremony.

Conference organizers:
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The concept and objectives of the conference
      The body of modern research on linguistics, communication studies and methods of foreign language instruction is vast and varied. At the same time, the problem of the method is often neglected, while the validity of the research method, the compliance of the method with the research tasks and its consistent application ensure the reliability of research results. In this regard, the **main objective** of the conference is to draw attention to the problem of choice and use of the method in linguistic and communicative research. We aspire to discuss the controversial issues related to methodologies, to define the factors that predetermine the suitability of various methodological frameworks and terminologies, and to review correct strategies of presenting research. In addition, we plan to consider didactic methodologies of language instruction.
      In other words, the main issue of the conference is – "HOW?": how to make the study methodologically appropriate, how to present the results of research competently and how to solve didactic problems more effectively.

      The conference involves work in **the following areas**:

      1. Pragmatics and discourse research: data collection and analytical methods.
      2. Cognitive linguistics and psycholinguistic methods.
      3. Research methods in lexis and grammar studies.
      4. Communication in different languages and comparative methodologies.
      5. Methodological tools in corpus linguistics.
      6. Quantitative and statistical methods of speech processing.

7. Genres and conventions in written and oral scientific communication.
8. Didactic bases and methods of teaching foreign languages and linguistic disciplines.
9. Assessment tools for modern foreign languages.

Other proposals corresponding to the declared theme of the conference are also welcomed.

Plenary speakers who confirmed their participation in the conference:

• **Igor Ž. Žagar**, PhD, Professor of Rhetoric and Argumentation, Director of Educational Research Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia
METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN ANALYZING NON-VERBAL ARGUMENTS.

• **Kozhemyakin Evgeniy Alexandrovich**, Doctor of Philosophy, Head of the Department of Communication, Advertisement and Public Relations, Belgorod State University, Belgorod, Russia
MULTIMODAL MEDIA DISCOURSE: METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES.

• **Agnieszka Strzałka**, PhD, Associate Professor of the Institute of Neophilology, Pedagogical University of Krakow, Krakow, Poland
STUDENT-CENTERED CLASSROOMS: A VISION OF GREAT CHAOS OR THE MIRACLE OF TEACHING?

• **Elizabeth Driver,** PhD, a representative of the English Language Office at the US Embassy in Russia, Kazan Federal University, Kazan, Russia
(TBA)

Plenary presentations will be 40-minutes long, session presentations will be 15-20 minutes long (depending on the group occupancy). **The working languages of the conference are Russian and English.**

The following events are also planned to be held within the conference:

• **Workshop** "**Academic writing: the principles of international publications**" by Dubrovskaya Tatiana Viktorovna, Doctor of Philology, Head of the English Language Department, Penza State University (Russia);

• **Workshop** "**The methods of psycholinguistic research and data processing**" by Privalova Irina Vladimirovna, Doctor of Philology, Professor of the Russian and Latin Languages Department, Saratov State Medical University named after V.I. Razumovsky (Russia);

• **Workshop** "**Sound, taste, smell and touch as arguments – a few methodological constraints**?" by Dr. Igor Ž. Žagar, PhD, Professor of Rhetoric and Argumentation, Director of Educational Research Institute, Ljubljana (Slovenia);

• **Workshop** "**Teaching American politics**" by Fulbright programme assistant at Penza State University Alexis Wallace;

• **Workshop** "**Teaching English through history**" by Fulbright programme assistant at Penza State University Alexandra Fay;

• **Seminar** for English language instructors: "**Problems of training for the oral part of the Unified State Examination and ways of solving them**" by Olga Viktorovna Dronova, PhD in Pedagogy, Associate Professor of the English Language Department at Penza State University and Anna Igorevna Zholnerik, Senior Lecturer of the English Language Department at Penza State University, permanent members of the board for grading the unified state exam in English;

• **The exhibition** research and methodological publications of the conference participants.

The conference is open for other workshops related to the theme of the conference.
A special session is planned for early-career researchers, PhD students and students.

A volume of conference proceedings will have been published by the beginning of the conference.

We guarantee: highly qualified plenary speakers with extensive research and teaching experience, provocative questions and heated debates, a lot of good English, translation from English to Russian (upon request), constructive communication with Russian and foreign colleagues in formal and informal settings.

To apply to be a participant, please fill out the application form (see Appendix1) and email it to the organisers. The application form should be submitted as a DOC file and attached to the email. Please, do not include it as a part of the text in your e-mail.

The e-mail address for applications: **conference_penza@rambler.ru**

Articles (up to 5 pages) in Russian or English should be sent by **20 January 2019**. For the paper submission requirements see Appendix 2.

Information on the registration fee
In-person and absentee participation for participants from Russia and Belarus – 1200 roubles.
In-person participation for participants from abroad – 2500 roubles.

Registration fee (in-person participation) includes:
- arranging invitations for conference participants,
- publication in the volume of conference proceedings,
- coffee-breaks.

Registration fee (absentee participation) includes:
- publication in the volume of conference proceedings,
- the volume shipment in Russia.

Further details concerning payment of the registration fee will be sent to participants upon acceptance of their applications.

!!! In the case of financial support from the Russian Foundation for Basic Research the registration fee will be reduced.

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Registration Form

Full name	
Date of birth (required for submission to the Russian Foundation for Basic Research, not to be published or given to third parties)	
Place of employment (institution, department), position	
Academic degree, academic title	
Email, telephone number	
Form of participation (choose)	in-person / absentee (only publication) / absentee (publication and presentation via Skype)
Theme of presentation (in Russian and English)	
Language of presentation (choose)	Russian / English
Name of the session	
Application for holding a roundtable / workshop (title and format)	
Need for interpretation from the English language (choose)	Yes / No
Need for the official invitation to apply for a Russian visa (choose)	Yes / No

Appendix 2

Format of the Article

1. Length of the article – max. 5 pages, A4.
2. Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, 14pt.
3. First-line indents – 1,25 cm.
4. Text single-spaced
5. Margins – 2 cm.
6. The first page contains the author`s name, title of the article (capitalised).
7. Footnotes, schemes and drawings are not allowed.
8. Speech examples are italicised.
9. References in the text are provided in round brackets (1, 2006: 60). The list of references is arranged in the alphabetical order. The number on the list should coincide with the number in the text.
10. The article should include short abstracts (6-7 lines) in Russian and English

The organizing committee reserves the right to select the articles. The article should be a research paper that presents the results of the original study. Articles that do not meet the format requirements or fall out of the thematic scope of the conference as well journalistic papers and pieces of fiction are not accepted. Compilations and articles featuring plagiarism will not be tolerated.