



We hereby welcome you to the 9th international scientific conference
CHILDREN AND LANGUAGES TODAY
with the topic
Children and Linguistic Identity.

The conference will be held on September 12 - 14, 2019 in Osijek, organised by the
Department of Philology of the Faculty of Education in Osijek, University of Osijek.

CHILDREN AND LINGUISTIC IDENTITY

Identity is very often seen as a self-explanatory or evident phenomenon, but the question of identity is a complex one. Identity is a multidimensional concept involving the inherited dimension (such as national and language identity) and the selected dimension (such as one's identity in relation to others, or as a part of a community). In addition, the concept of identity can refer to that of an individual, or the collective identity of a people.

Our goal is to gather scientists whose research would broaden the existing knowledge on children's linguistic identity - its definition and development, especially within the context of contemporary theories in (applied) linguistics and literature.

Children's linguistic identity changes over time, and is influenced by the historical and social changes of a child's surroundings. A child does not form his or her identity simply in regards to the self, but also in relation to the identities of others. Therefore, researchers are also invited to take an interdisciplinary approach with the following subthemes:

1. Interrelatedness of children's linguistic identity and multilingualism
2. Children's linguistic identity in relation to various linguistic registers
3. Children's linguistic identity in the context of formal education/ educational systems/ educational policies
4. Children's linguistic identity in the context of national/ethnic/regional identity
5. Children's linguistic identity and the media
6. Children's linguistic identity and cultural heritage
7. Identity in children's and youth literature
8. Children's linguistic identity and family environment

Since linguistic identity is not solely a linguistic issue, but can be a part of the research of the relationship between the individual and their nation, region, or the world, we hope that the suggested subtopics are not a limitation to your research and will inspire you to ponder this complex and relevant topic of the development of a child's identity in the context of national, European and globalisation processes.

CONFERENCE APPLICATION

We are honoured to present the plenary speakers:
[Marianne Nikolov](#), University of Pecs, Hungary and
[Anita Skelin Horvat](#), University of Zagreb, Croatia.

We invite you to send your submission form, abstract (up to 300 words) and keywords (up to 5 words) in Croatian and English by May 15, 2019 at childrenandlanguages2019@gmail.com.

Notification of acceptance will be sent by **June 15, 2019**.

CONFERENCE FEE

Conference fee in the amount of **550 kn (or 75 €)** needs to be paid by **July 15, 2019** at the latest to the account of the Faculty of Education.

After July 15 the fee will be **650 kn (or 85 €)**.

Students' and postgraduate students' fee is **150 kn (20 €)**.

Papers that receive positive reviews will be published by the Faculty of Education in Osijek.

Papers need to be sent by **December 15, 2019** to childrenandlanguages2019@gmail.com.

Official **conference languages** are Croatian and English.

The submission form and the details of the registration fee are attached.

We sincerely welcome your application.

Best regards,

Chair of
the Organising committee:
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