

Workshop 3 (3rd December | 9:30 CET):

Empowering higher education communities across Europe: Creating educational pathways and social cohesion in the light of lived multilingualism

This interactive workshop will give voices and space to explore strategies and opportunities for the development of European educational and research communities in the light of European linguistic diversity. ERUA student and staff community aims and actions will be presented and discussed with the audience in the context of a science slam battle on the theme of “*Creating knowledge in our minds and communities*”.

The workshop will conclude with an open discussion on “*Multilingualism in higher education in Europe: do our Universities reflect the language diversity of our communities?*”

Programme:

- 9:30** **Welcome and overview of ERUA community actions and aims: Staff empowerment, student and staff mobilities, multilingualism, diversity**
Speaker: Charlotte Langowski, ERUA WP 4 coordinator University of Konstanz
- 9:35** **In search for European identities @ the 1st international ERUA winter school**
Speaker: Dr. Eva Dade, ERUA project coordinator University of Konstanz
- 9:40** **European multilingualism, a diversity of biographies and identities: An interdisciplinary research field and its community and educational benefits**
Speaker: Ramona Baumgartner, ERUA WP 4 multilingualism coordinator University of Konstanz
- 9:45** **Science Slam battle: Communicating research interests and results for the community**
Theme: “*Creating knowledge in our minds and communities*”
Slammers: Kaja Gregorc, doctoral candidate University of Konstanz
Dr Spyros Bofylatos, University of the Aegean
- Introduction of slammers, slam videos, Q&A to slammers, voting & winner announcement
Chair: Ramona Baumgartner, ERUA WP 4 multilingualism coordinator University of Konstanz
- 10:30** **Open Discussion: Multilingualism in higher education in Europe: do our Universities reflect the language diversity of our communities?**
Chair: Theodoros Marinis, Professor of Multilingualism University of Konstanz,
ERUA multilingualism group leader
- 10:55** **Closing Remarks**
Speaker: Theodoros Marinis, Professor of Multilingualism University of Konstanz,
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The science battle challengers:



Kaja Gregorc, doctoral candidate

University of Konstanz, Department of Linguistics

Kaja Gregorc is a staff member and a PhD student at the department of Linguistics, University of Konstanz. She completed her bachelor's and master's degree in Linguistics and Multilingualism also at the University of Konstanz. Since 2016, she has been actively involved in research and the organization of events for different audiences interested in multilingualism at the Centre for Multilingualism. Currently, she is the communication and dissemination manager for the EU funded project The Multilingual Mind. Her research focuses mainly on second language vocabulary acquisition. In her PhD project, she investigates if second language learners can benefit from learning words from multiple speakers compared to a single speaker. By investigating this, she aims to shed light on how words are represented in our minds and provide scientifically based teaching approaches.



Dr Spyros Bofylatos

*University of the Aegean, Department of Products
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Dr. Spyros Bofylatos holds a doctorate in theory of Design from the Department of Products and System Design Engineering of the University of the Aegean. His research sprawls around design for sustainability, craft, service design and social innovation. His work is based on creating meaningful dialogue between the theoretical framework and the sociotechnical propositional artifacts that embody different research questions. At the very core of this process is the notion that we live in transitional times and fostering the discourse that leads to networks of artifacts that embody alternative systems of values is necessary to move away from today's unsustainable society.